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## Dixie Tighe Very Ill

Tokyo, Dec. 28.  
Dixie Tighe, veteran war correspondent of the "New York Post," was in "poor" condition in the 49th General Hospital today, after suffering brain hemorrhage. Tighe was taken to the hospital today for examination when suffering from a cold. She has been unconscious for the past 24 hours. The hospital said her condition was "serious-poor." Diagnosis was intra-cranial hemorrhage in the region of the brain. It was explained that this is usually caused by long periods of work under high pressure, which results in blood pressure. Miss Tighe had been working under a great strain for the last five years on the world's battlefronts and since the surrender, had moved from one to another of the Pacific occupation areas constantly.—Associated Press.

## Daughter Coerced With Sword

London, Dec. 28.  
A Western Desert veteran who returned to India, took his 16-year-old daughter to hotels to "teach her married life," and subsequently came back to England, appeared at Winchester Assizes on a grave charge. John Adolphus Sullivan, aged 40, motor-driver, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to an offence at C. v. Hants, against Patricia Joan Symes Sullivan, who is now 19. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Mr. Jeremy Hutchinson, prosecuting, said the girl was completely dominated by her father. Sullivan went to India many years ago and married an Anglo-Indian woman, from whom he was now separated.

**"Man And Wife"**  
Last year father and daughter came to England and went to Carlisle, where they shared a room at a hotel. From there they went to Ireland, where they lived as man and wife. They returned to England, where they set up in married quarters in October last year. It seemed, counsel went on, that the girl was coerced by threats. The father was very jealous, and once threatened her with a sword. Eventually the girl became pregnant. At first Sullivan denied everything, but later went to the police and confessed. Det. William Rowe said that Sullivan had served in the Indian Police and in the Army, where his character was said to be "exemplary."

## Chaos In India Soon?

New Delhi, Dec. 28.  
The possibility—if not the probability—of a breakdown in the Indian interim government within the next six months was seen by Jajprakash Narain, the Congress Socialist leader, during the course of a press conference here today. "Such a breakdown," he said, might precipitate a revolutionary struggle against the British on the basis of the constitution to be framed by the Constituent Assembly. "Whether the present situation is the country requires an active struggle or not, I definitely think

## ANOTHER AIR DISASTER Plane Crashes Near Shannon Airport

### AT LEAST 11 KILLED

London, Dec. 28.  
A Constellation airliner of the Trans-World Airlines crashed this morning when nearing Shannon airport, Ireland. TWA officials announced shortly after noon that according to telephonic reports from Shannon that there were six known survivors among the crew and five known survivors among the passengers, including two children aboard. Known dead members of the crew were: Navigator Robert Osterburg, Flight Engineer Walter McBride and Radio Officer Herbert Burmeis. The six survivors among the crew were Radio Officer Dudley Hill, Flight Superintendent William Teale, Flight Service Officer Joseph Logan, Pilot Herbert Tansel, Flight Officer Clifford Sparrow and Hostess Zina Ferguson.

The five passengers definitely known to have survived were: Charles Bruce Delaby, Edith Augustine Delaby, Davis, Tannenbaum, Jean Claude, Zolman, and Gunther N. Litzynski.

TWA officials said passenger and crew survivors were those already hospitalized and that there were probably additional survivors.

The hostess, Miss Ferguson, said the crash occurred without warning as the plane approached the airport for landing. She said she had asked the passengers to tighten their safety belts for an ordinary landing when the plane crashed onto a small island, two or three hundred yards from the shore.

The hostess and a five-month-old baby travelling with her 22-year-old mother were the only survivors brought to the airport. The injured survivors were carried with difficulty in flat boats across the river and marshes to Army and civilian ambulances summoned to the scene. Except for the three brought to the airport the others were taken to St. John's Hospital in Limerick and to Barrington's Hospital. Squads of stretcher bearers carried the bodies and survivors from the boats to the ambulances.

### Explosion

The cause of the crash still was not known. A tremendous explosion occurred just as the aircraft hit the ground, witnesses said. The plane took fire immediately and quickly burned out. Inspectors from the Department of Industry and Commerce were to leave Dublin by plane this afternoon to hold an inquiry on the spot.

Dr. James O'Boyle told the United Press: "When we arrived at the scene of the crash, we found the plane completely disintegrated and the dead and injured scattered in all directions over an area of 50 yards. The hostess and a baby were the only unharmed persons but the baby is suffering from cold. 'One woman died a half hour after receiving treatment. The hostess behaved marvelously and rendered wonderful assistance.' The doctor deplores the loss of the lives of two survivors. The rescue was completed at 3 a.m.—United Press. Shannon, Dec. 28. Eleven people were reported killed and more may die as a result of the crash.

### Sixth Xmas Crash

It was the sixth world air disaster in Christmas week, bringing the total death toll to more than 130, but it was the first fatal crash at Shannon since the airport opened 18 months ago.

Nearly ten hours after the disaster, the Trans-World Airlines operators issued an official statement in London, saying: "Thus far it is known that 12 people have survived of the 23 persons on board. Rescue work is continuing and additional survivors are probable." The majority on board were French and Americans.

Rescue workers took two hours to cross the one and a half miles of "unbelievable mud" between the airport and a small island in the Fergus River, where the plane crashed on its way in from Paris.

### Serious Condition

Most of the 12 people they have so far dug out were in a serious condition and one is said to be already dead. Among those expected to live is a four and a half months old baby, Charles Delaby, who was dragged out covered in mud with his face burned and with a broken thigh.

His mother, 20-year-old Edith Delaby who was on her way to New York to join her G.I. husband was also badly burned and had injuries to her lower limbs. Her last words before losing consciousness were to ask after her infant son.—Reuter.

shooting, which continued for ten or twelve minutes. Then witnesses heard a voice shouting: "Come out of the jungle. We have killed the Britishers!" He recognised the voice as that of Gulam Quadri, who served in the same detachment as himself, the witness said.

The Indian soldiers have pleaded not guilty of murderous attacks on the commanding officer, Captain Williams, and four British non-commissioned officers, who were murdered that day. The trial, which was adjourned until Monday, is expected to last three weeks.

### FATAL FALL

London, Dec. 28.  
Twenty-six-year-old Mrs. Molly Hill, who was married only 12 weeks ago, plunged 100 feet to death from a block of flats in Albany Street, Regent's Park on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who were married by licence in Scotland, lived on the fourth floor. Only a few minutes before hand, Mrs. Hill was saying "Goodbye" to her husband's cousin, Miss Tony Shazby, who is returning to Australia.—Reuter.

## DE GAULLE ISSUES A STATEMENT

Paris, Dec. 28.  
General Charles de Gaulle announced today that he could not accept a candidacy for Presidency of the French Republic under the new Constitution which, he said, would force him to preside without powers over a powerless regime.

De Gaulle, in a brief prepared statement to the press, explained he was making this statement in answer to repeated questions and references regarding the eventuality of his candidacy for Presidency. He said he was surprised that such questions should be asked.

Through duty to France and through respect for the Republic I have made known at the appropriate time that in my opinion the exclusive regime of parties such as exists among our people such as they are cannot solve the very grave interior, imperial and external problems on which depend our very life.

"Thus I do not believe in all conscience that I could well serve the country in aspiring to become guarantor of a Constitution which consecrates this regime and preside in a state of impotency over the impotency of the state," said the General.

**"Common Interest"**  
He added that his conviction was that the men whose task will be to lead the French Republic towards health and renovation "cannot succeed unless our national institutions dominating our divisions, organise the state for the service of a sole, common interest."

General de Gaulle figured prominently in speculations for the post of President of the Republic, the election of whom will be held in January. Since quitting the provisional Premiership almost a year ago he has been living quietly at his country home in Colombey les Deux Eglises.

He has emerged from the background on several occasions to issue blasting criticisms of the new Constitution, which he has repeatedly claimed does not provide for a strong enough executive and which he charged would lead to "impotency and anarchy."

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## CNRRA Officers' Strike Threat

Shanghai, Dec. 28.  
More than 130 non-Chinese officers of the China National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration's water transport section today threatened to strike at noon on January 2 unless they are paid in U.S. dollars or the equivalent in Chinese dollars according to the open Shanghai market instead of the official rate.

The strike would tie up more than 80 vessels—LSTs and tugs—which are moving the bulk of CNRRA relief supplies inland from Shanghai.

The strikers include Americans, Australians and other nationals. Chinese crew officers are not involved since they pay, vary according to the official rate of living indices resulting in some Chinese dollars, then the foreign officers who are paid in Chinese dollars equivalent to their U.S. dollars or pound sterling salaries at the maximum spot official rate of CN\$3.515 or CN\$3.717 to the U.S. dollar which in the open market is quoted at over CN\$6.000.

**"Empty Promises"**  
In a letter addressed to Major General Glen E. Edgerton, chief of the CNRRA office in China, the CWT officers also asked that they be allowed to remit any amount of their salaries home and for a review of their rights for repatriation, upon discharge from the service. The letter also attacked the "empty promises" from CNRRA for better treatment and pointed out the soaring living cost in China.

The strike threat came as Major General Charles Chennault, former Flying Tiger commander and head of the 14th Air Force, awaited delivery of planes to start the CNRRA air transport service to transport by air urgent relief supplies to the interior.—United Press.

Singapore, Dec. 28.  
Sir Angus Gillan, head of the Empire Division of the British Council, leaves for India tomorrow where he has been asked to assist in getting the British delegates to the Science Congress, opening in New Delhi in January. The Council plans to take a party of five, including representatives of Singapore, the Malayan Union and Kuching on a visit to England to study life there.—Reuter.

## Smuts Race Policy Still Stands

Durban, Dec. 27.  
The "Natal Mercury" said editorially today that Minister of Interior Clarkson's statement on the Indian minorities was in "answer to Nationalist propaganda" and that no Government could survive in South Africa unless "separation of races" was enforced. Clarkson made the statement in an interview in which he declared the South African policy toward Indians as outlined by General Smuts still stood.

The Minister said: "So far as Indian representation in Parliament is concerned, preliminary steps have already been taken in connection with the compilation of the roll and delimitation of the voting areas. It is hoped that the elections to give Indians representation in Parliament will be held towards the end of next year. One thing that must be done is to implement the premises that have been made to provide Indians with amenities to which they are entitled."

The paper commented that Clarkson's statement "should dispose of any fear that on the Indian question the United Party will not stand firm."

**Separation Necessary**  
"There has to be separation of races in a country such as this," continued the editorial. "No Government which advocated anything else could hope to survive. Talk of ghettos is just so much nonsense. Provided

## Road Ambushes In Indo-China

Paris, Dec. 28.  
The colonial revolt has spread to Southern Indo-China, taking a toll of 24 civilians, the French News Agency reported. Both sides took an increasingly uncompromising stand in the nine day fight of the Viet Name. The French imposed a state of siege at Saigon, reports said.

The French press agency said a series of Christmas night highway attacks in the vicinity of Saigon riddled the occupants of three motor cars filled with Annamite, Indian and Chinese civilians, killing 22 persons, including one British Annamite subject.

Another car carrying a group of persons and Annamite children was ambushed and two children killed and four priests seriously injured, the Agency reported.

French military officials interpreted the night attacks on the highways as an effort by the Viet Nam partisans to cut communications throughout Southern Cochinchina—perhaps as a preliminary to all-out assaults similar to those staged in Tonkin.

Passengers in three cars ambushed on the road between Can Tho and Soc Trang included three women and two children, who were injured. The ambush victims were found by French army patrols and brought to Saigon.

The newspaper "France Soir," reporting the state of the siege, said orders for a military alert were given in Cochinchina on Thursday night. All French military leave was cancelled, and the troops restricted to their barracks.

Numerous armed detachments patrolled the streets and closely guarded all roads radiating from the city. Three grenades exploded in Saigon and a newspaper advocating a union with the Viet Nam Republic was suppressed. While delayed dispatches told of numerous violent clashes on scattered fronts in Tonkin and Annam in the North, Ho Chi Minh, president of the Viet Nam Republic was disclosed to have made a Christmas broadcast from a secret radio demanding withdrawal of French troops from all of Indo-China.—Associated Press.

**Aircraft Join In**  
Saigon, Dec. 27.  
French aircraft joined the battle against severely counter-attacking Viet Nam troops around Hanoi on Thursday, where General Valley, Commander of the French Far Eastern troops, has arrived. Headquarters said French fighter planes strafed and bombed Viet Nam convoys and troops.

He described as "absolutely false" the reports from Berlin that the Bidault Government had drawn up a complete annexation plan for the Saar including the issue of postage stamps, organisation of administrative officials to take over public utilities, schools and the police and the issue of French Saarland currency.

The spokesman added: "The measures we took in the Saar last week were drawn up by Bidault. They were communicated in advance to the Council of Foreign Ministers in New York on December 9 by France's representative, Couve de Murville at the meeting at which General Lucius D. Clay was present. They were thus known to the other members of the Council well in advance and there was no question of France pulling a one-sided surprise coup."

"The report that it was only on Blum's intervention that an outright annexation project backed by Bidault was halted is completely untrue," United Press.

**POLISH FUNDS RELEASED**  
Washington, Dec. 28.  
The State Department announces the release of \$23,400,000 from the Bank of Poland and the gold and cash which has been frozen in the United States.

The release is part of a deal which also provides for compensation to American owners for industries nationalised by the Polish Government.—Associated Press.

**THE WEATHER**  
A strong anticyclone covers China and the neighbouring seas. A deep depression E. of Honshu is moving NNE. Pressure continues low over the equatorial regions.

Today's Forecast: Light N or NE winds; mainly fair. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum—58.8 deg. Fah. Minimum—49.8 deg. Fah. Max Rel Humidity—70 per cent. Sunshine—1.4 hours. Rainfall—Nil.

## France Not To Annex The Saar

Paris, Dec. 28.  
The French Foreign Office spokesman stated officially today that Prime Minister Leon Blum had carried out to the letter the plans already drawn up by a former Premier, M. Georges Bidault, for placing a customs barrier between the Saar and the remainder of the French zone in Germany.

The spokesman denied officially and most categorically that Bidault had planned outright annexation of the Saar or any other measure than those applied last week.



## WEDDING BELLS MAY NOW CHIME

The Government has no objection to the marriage between Mr. George Harry Calvert, a Briton, and Miss Yoshino Higushi, a Japanese, since there will be no change in the nationality of Mr. Calvert, Mr. W. A. Jones, Registrar, informed the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

Although marriages between Britons and enemy subjects are forbidden before the formal signing of the peace treaty between the Allies and Japan, Mr. Jones explained that he would raise no objection to the marriage of Mr. Calvert and Miss Higushi, since the former would remain a British subject.

Should there be any other cases of inter-marriage involving Britons and Japanese, Mr. Jones said, each case would be individually studied before permission would be granted.

The couple gave notice on Nov. 30 at the Registry of their forthcoming wedding, but up to yesterday the Registry had not been informed of the date of the marriage.

The Government has decided to make an ex gratia payment of \$10,000 to the dependants of Wong Shui-chung, whose death occurred in the course of a raid by the Police on unlicensed hawkers in Kowloon on Oct. 26. Arrangements for the payment will be made by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

## NOMA JOINS IN LAUGHTER

### Village Witness Causes Amusement

### Price Control Amended

The Price Control Regulations in respect of imported printed matter have been amended.

Under the old regulations all imported books and magazines, except those published before 1930 were subject to price control. Under the new schedule all imported printed books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers and music scores, including sheet music, are subject to control. The same rates of exchange prevail.

Another amendment to the schedule fixes the price of imported flour at 33 cents per lb. or 44 cents per catty (old prices 30 and 40 cents, respectively).

A new controlled price for brown granulated sugar is also announced at 45 cents per lb. (old price 40 cents per lb.).

For the last meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong to be held this year, Major C. W. L. Way has organized a musical programme for the entertainment of Hong Kong Rotarians and their guests. This programme, "Musical Way," will be supported by the Gloucester Hotel Orchestra and will include a surprise item. The meeting will be held as usual at 12.30 p.m. at the Gloucester Hotel.

## OTHER EVIDENCE IS GRIMMER

Solemn-faced Noma relaxed at his trial before No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday and joined the spectators in Court in hearty laughter when a Chinese witness, replying to a question by Major MacGregor, said that he usually ate ten times more food than the amount he received while a prisoner at the Tai Po Gendarmerie.

Dr. Sigfried Ramler gave evidence regarding the brutal treatment of Chinese in the vicinity of Pokfulam Road during 1943 and 1944.

Dr. Ramler said that he saw, from time to time during 1943 and 1944, groups of Chinese wood and grass cutters tied up in a stone enclosure in the vicinity of a blockhouse not far from the junction of Pokfulam Road. The blockhouse was occupied by Japanese Gendarmes.

Dr. Ramler said that he saw the Chinese being beaten up on many occasions. Two wolf dogs were used to attack the Chinese tied up and, in the process, clothing and huge lumps of flesh were torn from the Chinese. The dogs were encouraged to attack the Chinese by a Japanese Gendarme Officer whom Dr. Ramler knew very well.

Answering the Court, Dr. Ramler said that it was not permissible to cut wood or grass during the occupation. A warning was issued that offenders would be punished.

People were sometimes allowed to run out from the enclosure and then the dogs would be set after them.

Major MacGregor then read the statement made by Colonel Kanazawa which said, in part, that during the time Noma was in charge of the Gendarmes, numerous complaints were received from various sources by Governor General Isogai concerning the torturing of prisoners by the Gendarmes. The Governor General repeatedly admonished and ordered Noma to refrain from torturing and visiting brutalities upon prisoners.

### No Action

No official action was taken in regard to the complaints and there was no investigation into their truth. There was no follow-up of the order to Noma to cease torturing for the purpose of determining whether or not Noma complied with the order. Kanazawa concluded by saying that Noma was relieved on orders of the War Office at Tokyo.

Cheng Kwai, farmer of Lam Ho Village, New Territories, said that he was arrested by a Gendarme named Yamada on the 14th day of the 11th Moon, year before last. After his arrest, he was taken to the Tai Po Gendarmerie. He was placed in a cell with several others and detained for 28 days. During the first week of his detention, he was not given anything to eat. From the following week, he was given a tea-cup full of rice morning and evening. The quantity of rice received was much less than that to which he was accustomed to eat outside.

No arrangements were made concerning medical treatment of prisoners.

### Tortured

Cheng said he was interrogated on two occasions, in the course of which he was beaten, burnt, water tortured and given the aeroplane torture. Yamada and his interpreter were responsible for the torture. When given the water torture, he was ordered by Yamada to remove all his clothing. He was then tied to a table and placed under a tap, which was turned on by Yamada.

Cheng said he was burnt with lighted candles, newspapers and cigarettes by Yamada. He was burnt about the arms, chest and stomach. The marks of the burning still remained. Cheng took off his clothing to show the Court the scars.

When asked by the Court if he also wished to see the scars, Noma declined the offer.

Cheng said that other prisoners were treated in the same manner. Cheng, Po and Lam Tin Kan, who were imprisoned at the same time and place as a result of injuries received in beatings by Yamada.

Answering defence counsel, Cheng said that he was arrested on suspicion of being a guerilla and giving information to the B.A.A.G. He was not a guerilla.

The next witness, Lam Wah, farmer of Nam Wah Bo Village, New Territories, who was arrested at the same time as the preceding witness and detained for 28 days under similar circumstances, said that he was

interrogated and accused of being a guerilla by Yamada and others.

### Hung Up

He was hung up and burnt while suspended in the air. He was burnt with newspapers and coconut shells. There were many scars on his body and the Court adjourned for five minutes to view the marks.

Lam caused much amusement in Court when he said that he usually ate ten times more food than that which was given to him while he was detained at the Tai Po Gendarmerie. Even Noma, who had been most solemn since the start of the proceedings, broke out into hearty laughter and had great difficulty in controlling himself.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by Labuan, Malayan Union and Singapore against Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

## Readers' Letters

### Well Behaved

Sir—On Boxing Day, I attended a party given by 42 Commando for children of the Fighting Gables Home. As the young guests left, one hand clutching a toy and sweets, the other firmly grasping the hand of a Commando host, the thought struck me that here were the most polite and best behaved children I had ever seen, in any country, at any time, children who, one day, would grow into citizens of the Colony, would justly be proud.

The Babies' Home, which was founded about ten years ago, carried on during the Japanese occupation, mainly due to the determination of its principal. Unfortunately, she is loathe to canvas for assistance and far too few people seem to know of the Home's existence. At the moment, the children are only able to have this wonderful chance in life through the generosity of the British and American friends of the principal. The Home is in great need of repair and redecoration, but this will cost a large sum of money.

Lately, in the local press, there has been much controversy regarding Hong Kong's orphans. Both the British and Chinese have attempted to throw the responsibility onto the other's shoulders. I would like to suggest, if I may, Sir, that here, with the spirit of Christmas (the Children's Festival) still upon us, is a chance for both sides to help.

Not only will they be providing many orphans with a better life but they will also be ensuring that Hong Kong is well supplied with responsible citizens, to help it, in the future. S. C.

### No Can See

Sir—I think it will be a very good thing to draw the attention of the management of the various local hotels to the difficulty patrons experience in seeing floor shows. To those who remain orderly seated at table while one is in progress, there simply isn't one to see at all owing to the mad rush of people to crowd round the dance floor.

I'm certain that if everyone were told to remain seated, many more people would be privileged to enjoy the performance. As happened on Christmas Eve all that could be seen from a very short distance away was a portion of the Acrobatic performance when the lady was flung four feet up into the air of the Tango, which we were told was excellent, nothing could be seen.

### ALSO PAID

### Slack

Sir—I would like to make a personal suggestion to Government in respect of Readers' Comments on the disorder and troubles at the Market. It is not the slackness of

## Suit For Return Of Two Tills

The National Cash Registry Company filed a legal suit with two Chinese shops for the return of two cash registers alleged to have been stolen from the Company's premises in Lee House Street during the Japanese occupation.

The case was heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Supreme Court yesterday when Mr. Hugh Jones, who appeared for plaintiffs, said that the Company's offices were closed down at the outbreak of the war on Dec. 8, 1941, and a list of the stock taken.

On this list were the numbers of the machines in question. After the liberation, one of the machines was found in the possession of Chit Shing Co., alias Jitsing Co., 43, Queen's Road, Central, while the other was discovered on the premises of Sui Wai Watch Co., 170, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Mr. A. el Arculli represented Chit Shing Co. and Mr. P. C. Woo was for Sui Wai Watch Co. According to Tang Ying-wei, assistant manager of Chit Shing Co., he bought the machine from Mei Tak Shop in Stanley Street on Aug. 2, 1944, for 2,625 yen. He produced a receipt.

Tak Kwok-cheung, proprietor of Sui Wai Watch Co., claimed that he bought his machine for 700 yen from Yau Fong Hoy Kee, also in Stanley Street, in October 1943.

His Lordship deferred judgment until Jan. 5.

## "Boys' Petition Flops?

(By "Paul Fry")

In connection with a purported petition of "boys" and amahs in foreign employ who are members of the "Foreign Labour Union," and which was supposed to be presented to employers yesterday, the Labour Office has dissociated itself completely with the document and recommended that it be withdrawn.

Indeed, I learn on good authority that the Labour Office has advised the Union to withdraw the petition immediately if it hopes to get any support in its future efforts to get better working conditions for domestic servants working in foreign households in Hong Kong.

While most foreign employers sympathize with servants in their desire to put matters on a better basis than that which prevailed in the "good old days," it is highly unlikely that any would agree to certain of the demands, such as for "uniforms of general style," or for fixed hours with payment for overtime for "any occasional party" or cocktail party.

My own servants yesterday certainly did not present me with any petition, and in fact professed complete ignorance of the whole matter.

### APPOINTED

The following appointments etc. were gazetted yesterday:

Miss M. S. Watson resumed duty as Lady Almoner.  
Miss E. M. Haworth to be a radiographer.  
Mr. G. S. Brown to be an architect.  
Mr. W. O. Davies to be an engineer.  
Mr. R. C. Clarke to be a land surveyor.  
Miss E. G. Stephen to act as Principal, Baillies Public School.  
Dr. Yee Kok-cheung resumed duty as Health Officer.

ed before them and are waiting for a lift.

During rush-hours, a certain amount of pushing and shoving may be understandable; it is not excusable, but what is one to say in a case where four people waiting for an 8-passenger lift are loitered away by a late-comer when it arrives? To such discourtesy is added the stupidity of those who won't even wait for passengers to alight from lift or tram-car.

Having marvelled at the politeness and orderliness with which ordinary British folk at home form queues and wait their turn—and that without any orders or instructions from uniformed policemen—I can only assume that the mantle of politeness has dropped from the people of China—or did they ever wear it?

### EXASPERATED

**Eurasians**  
Sir—The year is fast drawing to a close and the different local communities with the apparent exception of the Eurasian community, are all looking forward expectantly to the dawn of the New Year, when it is hoped that H.M. Government will honour its promise to accord the inhabitants of Hong Kong a greater share in the management of their own affairs.

In the Battle of Hong Kong, Eurasians suffered very heavy casualties, in fact, more casualties than any other local community. Under the circumstances, therefore, why is it that the so-called leaders of the Eurasian community have not done anything to ensure that when the time for self-government arrives, Eurasians will at least have a say in the affairs of this Colony which their sires died to defend?

Many people were only too anxious to call themselves Eurasians in Macao during the years of the Pacific War. Why are they ashamed now? Surely they don't think they can deceive anybody by calling themselves Chinese or Englishmen.

### ANTI-SHAM

**Bad Taste?**  
Sir—On Christmas Eve a band apparently aspiring to be a local orchestra, in a weird variety of costumes to sing carols. A praiseworthy idea in keeping with the spirit of the season—except that the gentry were far from sober and surety the singing of what is, after all, a type of religious music, in that garb and in that condition was in rather bad taste.

Perhaps some of your readers have similar ideas on the subject.

### CAROL

Timber has been drilled from the schools of prohibited exports.

## VOLUNTEER PENSIONS

The Gazette yesterday announced the appointment of two members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Pensions Assessment Board. They are the accountant General (ex officio chairman) and Dr. Isaac Newton.

## Maharaja Of Jodhpur Leaves

The Maharaja of Jodhpur left Kai Tak early yesterday morning on a BOAC flyingboat flown by Capt. Foster.

The Maharaja was dressed in the uniform of an Air Vice-Marshal of the R.A.F. The band of the Jodhpur Infantry was present.

The following were at the airport to see the Maharaja off: General Festing, G.O.C. Land Forces, Brigadier Lindsay (C.O. 50th Infantry Brigade), Lt. Col. Gillan (C.O. 1st Jodhpur Infantry), Group Captain E. A. Jones (representing Air Commodore Webster, A.O.C. Hong Kong), Wing-Commander E. Bowdler (D.F.C. (Wing Commander Flying Kai Tak)), Mr. Hamilton, of Civil Air Services, Kai Tak, BOAC officials and Indian Officers.

On Sunday, His Highness paid another visit to the M.I.S. "Narbada." In the evening, he attended a reception given in his honour by Havildar-Major Ganpat Singh and Havildar of the Jodhpur Sardar Infantry at Whitfield Barracks and later dined with the Officers of the Battalion.

Lieut. General Maharaj Sir Ajit Singh described the Maharaja's visit to Hong Kong as "extremely pleasant and enjoyable on the hectic side with a number of parties every day." A feature of the visit, His Highness's brother told a reporter, were the several shopping tours in which things were discovered that were practically unobtainable elsewhere.

## "E/Scotland" Passengers

Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. advise that the following passengers embarked at Liverpool on board the s.s. "Empress of Scotland" on December 30 for Hong Kong:

Mr. A. Au, Miss E. J. Akerman, Mr. H. T. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barton and two children, Mr. M. L. Bell and son, Mrs. E. E. Dedington and two children, Mrs. D. M. Coffey, Mr. P. Coffey, Mr. V. G. Edelson and child, Dr. N. D. Fraser, Miss M. Fraser, Mrs. D. G. Frost and child, Miss D. D. Frost, Mrs. M. E. Farnham and two children, Mrs. E. G. Gell and two children, Miss A. Gardiner, Mrs. E. M. Harden and two children, P. H. Regarty, Mrs. J. M. Heath and infant, Miss S. D. Kennelrath, Mrs. E. A. Kerykian, Mrs. N. Langgren, the Misses D. and M. Langgren, Mr. and Mrs. H. Noble and child, Mrs. H. O'Connor and child, Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Paxon, Mrs. C. Richardson, Mrs. D. Slade and child, Miss F. E. Barker, Mrs. J. G. Smith and two children, Mrs. M. Tate and child, Mrs. W. F. Webb, Miss D. Webb, Mrs. L. Watson and child.

The following names have been added to the wives' priority list:—Mrs. Mollie Morgan, 112A—Jane Jack Garland, 149G—Elsie Davis, 222D—Dorothy Mary Langdon.

## Far East Survey Flight

Seattle, Dec. 27. Northwest Airlines today announced the appointment of Mr. Lewis Langdon of its Seattle office as China Traffic Manager. Mr. Langdon will be a member of the flight survey group leaving for the Far East on Jan. 1 and will begin his duties upon arrival at Shanghai.

Also on the flight will be Mr. Donald Bateman, who will assume duties as Northwest Airlines District Traffic Manager at Manila. Mr. Bateman was formerly in Manila as a steamship company representative and was interned for more than three years by the Japanese—United Press.

## Compradore Honoured

Mr. Wong Sik-chung, Compradore of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company and the "Star" Ferry Company, was yesterday presented with a gold cigarette case at a reception held in his honour at the Company's Board Room in Kowloon.

The presentation was made on behalf of the European members of the Companies' staffs by Mr. C. E. Terry. Mr. Terry recollected that Mr. Wong joined the Company as assistant to his father, the late Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, in 1927.

"I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing my very real appreciation of the valuable services you rendered to the Company in maintaining a staff available for immediate resumption of our activities in August, 1945, and of the assistance you afforded me personally during that difficult period," Mr. Terry said.

Mr. Wong Sik-chung is leaving Hong Kong for a rest on the advice of his doctors, and is handing over his duties to his brother, Mr. Wong Sik-kuen.

### ART EXHIBITION

A four-day free exhibition of water colour paintings will be held on the sixth floor of the Asia Life Building in Queen's Road Central, as from New Year's Day, by two of the best Chinese artists in Shanghai.

Both are young and considered prominent among their respective fields in China's artistic circles. Mr. Liang Shih-feng is famous for his ancient Chinese paintings, while Mr. Huang Teh-tao is popular and experienced in Western style water colour paintings.

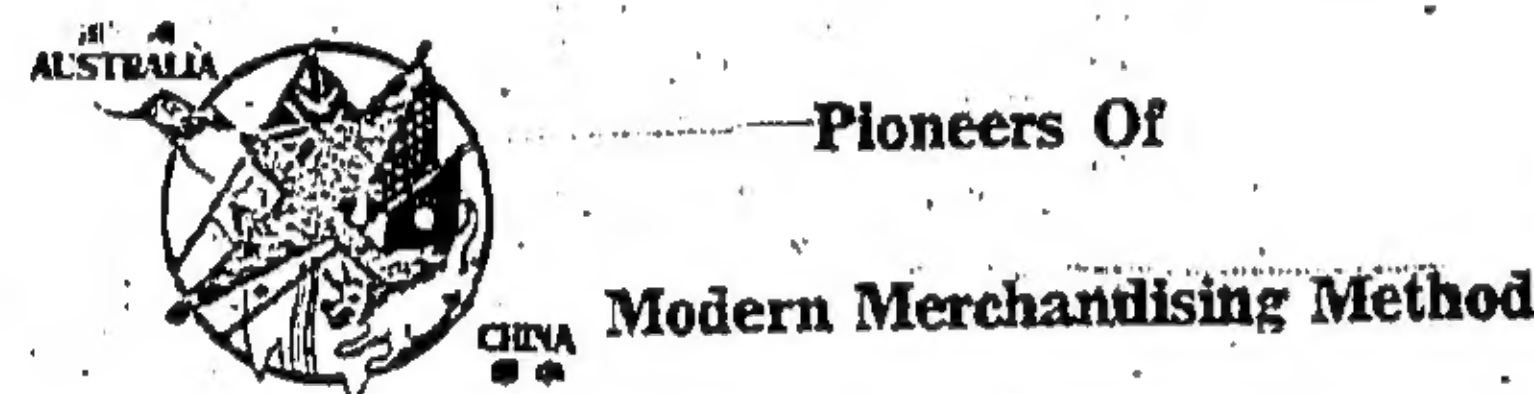
A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (Toc Ho), 50 Macdonnell Road, this evening at eight thirty. The programme will be as follows: Overture "Egmont" (Beethoven); "Water Music" Suite (Handel); Given Catterly singing "Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark" Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major (Bach); Toccata and Fugue in D minor (Bach); Symphony No. 5 in C minor (Beethoven).

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## Air Crash Enquiry

Shanghai, Dec. 28. The Chinese Ministry of Communications in Nanking announced today that as a direct result of the three Christmas night air crashes on the fog-bound airfield at Shanghai, it has been decided to set up a Civil Aviation Bureau to handle all air affairs.

Officials of the Ministry who arrived here to investigate the crashes announced that "safety aids would be provided shortly" on Chinese airways to make the service more reliable.

A Chinese woman whose four children were killed in one of the crashes became the 70th victim of the disasters when she died in hospital this morning.—Reuter.

## POLICE SURPRISE ROBBERS

A speedy turn-out by the police in the early hours of Friday resulted in the arrest of three alleged armed robbers on the scene of the crime.

The thieves, armed with a dagger and a cargo-hook, entered a house in Belcher Street around 3 a.m. and held up the inmates, a woman and a boy. They helped themselves to money and jewellery but while they were still busy the boy managed to slip out and raise the alarm.

A strong police squad arrived at the house and arrested three men on the premises.

## SHANGHAI EXCHANGE

Shanghai, Dec. 28. Quotations on the Shanghai market today were as follows:—  
C.N.S. Selling  
Gold per ounce 310,000 310,000  
U.S. Dollar 4,300 6,500  
Hong Kong Dollar 1,250 1,370  
Closing:  
Gold per ounce 323,000 325,000  
U.S. Dollars 6,200 6,400  
Hong Kong Dollars 1,350 1,300  
—Associated Press.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Mr. Anthony Brodie left for Singapore on Friday by the "Tibetian". Other passengers were Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Fredericks, Mr. G.H. Hildon, Mr. H.M. Schaffner and Mrs. E.H. Spira.

Departure by the "Maunabo" yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. Lee O. Nager for Calcutta and Mr. J.M. Crumley for Singapore. Coming and Mrs. Doyle were through passengers for Singapore from Shanghai.

The "General W.H. Gordon" arrived from Shanghai yesterday with nearly 1,200 passengers from the States and 50 from Shanghai disembarking in the Colony, and about 200 through passengers for Manila.

Arriving passengers from San Francisco for Hong Kong were:—Mrs. Barbara A. Altman, Miss Allen L. Altman, Mr. Brian H. Altman, Mrs. Louella H. Altman, Mr. James D. Helton, Mrs. Mary D. Helton, Miss Virginia P. Helton, Mr. Theodore C. Helton, Mr. James D. Helton Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Coulson, Mr. Donald E. Coulson, Mrs. Jeanne W. Coulson, Mr. Leslie E. Coulson, Mr. Felle M. Ellis, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Ellis, Miss Fay M. Ellis, Mr. Christopher F. Ellis, Mr. Miriam J. King, Mr. Jonathan P.S. King, Mr. Geoffrey D.S. King, Mr. Myrtle V. Lamm, Mr. Kay A. Neelander, Mrs. Florence H. Price, Mr. Alfred William L. Ramsey, Mr. Jack B. St. Denis, Miss Faele Ellis, Mr. Lorne A. Sparks, Mrs. Anita L. Sparks, Miss Katherine A. Sparks, Rev. F. William J. Downs, the Misses Catherine M. Bradley, Armelle E. Delveret, Emmanuel Delferet, Mary Delferet, Rose Delferet, Ruth E. Evans, Francis Gardner, Alice E. Manning, Mary L. Mox, Marcelle A. Oberlo, Anna M. Reid, Dorothy M. Hubner, Edith Wilk, Mr. Victor Kumarow, Mrs. Gladys Euter, Miss Dorothy Cecelia, Mr. Stanley Hoffman, Mrs. Mary Hoffman, Mr. Kenneth Hoffman and Miss Jeannette Hoffman. Emergency Class passengers from San Francisco, disembarking in Hong Kong, numbered 1,044. They were nearly all Chinese. Shanghai passengers for Hong Kong included Mr. and Mrs. F.Z. Wheeler and Mrs. F.J. Cole, T.P. Dunbar, Lady Sarah W.H. McLean and Ranjit F. Ray.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Anthony Brodie, Capt. F. H. Harley, Capt. E. V. Leslie, J. E. Martin, Capt. and Mrs. E. Klein, Dr. R. B. Jackson and Mrs. E. D. Sparks.

All passengers leaving Hong Kong for Swatow should possess valid certificates of vaccination against smallpox.

Wednesday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) has been declared a General Holiday.

## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

WE'RE DOING OKAY WITHOUT ANY AFTER ALL, SAID MARY.

BOO-YOES, MARY, YOU'D BETTER GO TO WORK!

WELL, I'M GOING TO WORK, BUT WHY TAKE A DOWN-TOWN?

MARY, I THINK THAT YOUR JUMPER WILL GET ME PAID!

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## Magistrate On Crucial Point

Mrs. Bertha Pears was found guilty by the Magistrate, Mr. Horace Lo, at Kowloon Court yesterday of having assaulted Richard William Dedear, and was fined \$100, being additionally bound over on a sum of \$200 to keep the peace for six months.

Mr. Lo said that an examination of the evidence would suggest, as both parties to the suit had submitted in respect of one another, that either one or the other set of witnesses were fabricating their evidence.

He would pick upon one point, however, as crucial to the case, Mr. Lo said, and that was that if Dedear had assaulted Mrs. Pears first it would stand to reason that either one or both of the soldiers who were with Mrs. Pears would have intervened on her behalf.

There was nothing in the evidence, suggestive of this having happened, and he would have, therefore, to assume that Mrs. Pears had first attacked Dedear. If such was the case, he would say that Dedear acted with considerable restraint.

## Shone Torch

When the case continued yesterday morning, Mr. M. A. da Silva, appearing for Mrs. Pears, called to the witness-box, sub-insp. D. G. Cudler, of Kowloon City Police Station, who gave evidence of having seen Mrs. Dedear at the Station at 10.30 a.m. on Oct. 18.

She had shown him bruises on her shin, knee and right elbow and a scratch on her wrist.

The final witness called for Mrs. Pears was L. C. C. Chung King who said that he had accompanied Dedear to 4, Knight Street, in the early hours of Oct. 17. They had gone up to a room on the second floor and both Dedear and he had turned on a torch through a broken window pane into one of the rooms.

All he saw was a table with some bottles standing on it and a bed that appeared to have an occupant, but which was completely covered with a sheet.

Mr. da Silva: Were there one or two persons in the bed?—I could not see.

What did you see?—I saw a table with bottles and a bed with human beings.

Dedear: You are not sure if there was one or two persons in the bed?—I could not see.

## Different Story

Mr. Lo: Would you say from what you saw that it would be impossible for Dedear to make out if there were one or two persons, male or female, in the bed?

All I saw was a white sheet. There appeared to be something under it.

Mr. da Silva: Was any part of a head visible? The whole body was completely covered.

In addressing the Magistrate on completion of the case for Mrs. Pears, Mr. da Silva said he had taken the unusual step in the case of putting the waitress, Miss Chan, in the box without having previously taken a statement from her. He had taken this step because he thought that she would be the likeliest witness to tell the whole truth in a dispute where feeling between the two parties ran high. Miss Chan had probably given the only reliable testimony as to what had actually happened.

Mr. Lo: Yes, that is true, Mr. da Silva. She tells an entirely different story, conflicting in detail from all the other witnesses.

## Inflation Danger

New York, Dec. 27. Inflation continues to be the immediate danger in most countries, says a statement on the principles of monetary policy issued by the Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, and now made public by the Chamber's President, Mr. Winthrop W. Aldrich.

Upward price tendencies attribute to a considerable extent to non-monetary causes, arising mainly from the destruction and disorganization brought about by the war, such as goods shortage, deficient production and rising costs, due largely to higher taxes.

The statement says that the first task is to arrest the increase in buying power by overhauling Government expenditure and bringing budgetary expenditure under control. Until sufficient supplies become available any attempt to improve the living standard merely by raising money wages is doomed to failure for it will simply lead to price rises which will tend to destroy the integrity of national currencies.

Dealing with countries needing financial assistance, the statement emphasizes that private investment should gradually replace international lending by public agencies.

The statement concludes that without expansion of output in goods and services, there can be no standard increase or a solution of monetary problems.—Reuter.

## What's Up, Dad?

YOUNG, GUM, I SORT OF THINK MAMMY'S GONE AWAY & WILL BE BACK IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD BEFORE LONG. IT ISN'T THAT I WANT TO, BUT...

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## Bligh Was Late

London, Dec. 28. A British boatswain's account of the discovery of Tahiti, paradise isle of the Pacific Ocean, 20 years before Captain Bligh, master of the mutinous crew of H.M.S. "Bounty," found refuge there, has come into the possession of the Hakluyt Society.

The Hakluyts began 100 years ago to publish the original narrative of explorers and travellers of all nations. So far they have published 225 volumes. The membership of 600 includes about 250 Americans.

The society derives its unusual name from the Elizabethan geographer, Sir Richard Hakluyt, who recorded the deeds of earlier as well as contemporary adventurers.

From the diary of the boatswain, George Stephenson, who served with Captain Samuel Wallis in his Pacific voyage discovery of 1767, the society has prepared a volume which will be published early next spring.—Associated Press.

The Woolen and Worsted Yarn (Control) Order has been revoked.

## Extra Xmas Leave

London, Dec. 28. Because civilians are taking a longer holiday, thousands of Army and Royal Air Force men due back at their units in the United Kingdom on Sunday and on Monday are to have an extra 48 hours leave. This was given at the request of the railways.

More civilians than expected have delayed their holiday return and the railways fear that they would not be able to deal with the large number of troops as well as the expected number of civilians.

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## Quota System For Petrol Imports?

Nanking, Dec. 28. The establishment of a quota system for importation of petroleum products into China and possible rationing of petrol to consumers may follow suspension of United States Army and Navy assistance to commercial firms as announced in Washington, informed commercial government sources said.

Although commercial firms distributing petroleum products in China have augmented supplies received from American Army and Navy surplus with their own shipments, stocks of petrol and oil imported privately remain extremely short.

Government sources said that a supreme economic council was studying the establishment of a quota system based on the amount of foreign exchange made available to various firms for importation of petroleum products.

The adoption of such a system limiting imports will be logically followed by some method of rationing sale to consumers, informed oil sources said.

The Chinese Government's limitations on foreign shipping, particularly on the Yangtze, are a formidable barrier to expanding petrol and oil distribution to consumer points in China.

Under the present regulations, importers are forced to unload their tankers at Shanghai, then repack through an expensive rehandling process there.

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## FINAL APPEAL

Nanking, Dec. 28. Chinese Democratic and Socialist leaders have formally asked the Central Government to make a final appeal to the Chinese Communist Party and Democratic League—the two groups which boycotted the recent National Assembly—to cooperate in the formation of a National Government.

They urged that the Government in making the final appeal should make it known to both the Communist Party and Democratic League that they were free to submit amendments to the constitution at the next National Assembly, scheduled for next Christmas.—Reuter.

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## Alleged Intimacy In Car

London, Dec. 28. Charged with a serious offence against an Isleworth girl aged 15 years and 10 months, William John Atkins, aged 58, an engineer, of Newbury gardens, Stoneleigh, Ewell, was committed by the Brentford magistrates for trial at the Old Bailey, bail being refused. He pleaded not guilty.

The girl's mother stated that her daughter was employed by Atkins at his works at Twickenham. On Nov. 7 the girl did not come home, but the next afternoon she arrived with a Mrs. Batchelor. She seemed frightened and collapsed, and was put to bed.

Next day the mother said she received her daughter's insurance cards from the firm of Atkins's works. The cards were for an employee under 16 years of age.

The girl told the court that she began to work for Atkins as an assembler in April, 1945. She used to go to London with him to help him unload his van. They sometimes had tea together and he told her he would like her to be his daughter, and made love to her.

Just before last Christmas she met him at Hampton Court, and he took her to a hotel at Esher, where he gave her two sherrys. Afterwards they went to a common and intimacy took place in the car.

The girl stated that she did not tell her mother, as she was afraid to do so. She met Atkins every Wednesday night after that.

"Battled The Door" On Nov. 6 last Atkins took her to a public-house at Hampton Court, where she had two port wines. Afterwards, said the girl, they went back to the office where Atkins produced two mattresses, which he laid on the floor. They stayed about two hours.

Somehow rattled the door, and Atkins told her to go out first and wait in his car. She did so, and met Mrs. Batchelor, to whom she told everything. She slept at the house of Mrs. Batchelor, who took her home next day. She had no boy friends.

Mrs. Helen Batchelor, of Fortescue avenue, Twickenham, told the magistrates that she had known Atkins for two years. On the night of Nov. 6 she went to his office. There was no light, but she saw the glow of the gas-fire and thought he might have fallen asleep. She rattled the door, but there was no reply. Afterwards the girl came out, and she took her to her home.

Mr. Asher, defending, asked: "Why were you so anxious to see Mr. Atkins?" After some hesitation, Mrs. Batchelor replied: "It was natural. I should wish to see him, because for two years I had been under the impression that he was in love with me."





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### A BEGINNING

The British Government's decision to standardise basic British weapons on American patterns is one of the most constructive things it has done since taking office. The decision represents a triumph for the Anglo-American Chiefs of Staff, who have been working quietly and without fuss in Washington ever since the end of the war to promote the mutual defence of their two countries. It is much to be hoped that further similar arrangements will be made, not only in the sphere of national defence, but also in the fields of economics and foreign affairs. Should either of the two countries become involved in hostilities in the future, the present arrangement will result in great economies and convenience. This is clearly demonstrated by the difficulties which constantly arose during World War II because of the differences between British and American equipment. The military agreement would be still better if it could be extended to cover the sharing of all British and American naval bases, not only for use by their respective fleets for maintenance and refitting, but for the establishment of common supply and ammunition dumps. The American navy today holds the same dominant position as did the Royal Navy throughout the 19th century. It is at least the equal of all the other fleets in the world combined. But so far as bases are concerned, Britain has more to offer in such a deal than the United States. The finest fleet in the world can operate only in those oceans where it has adequate facilities for supply and maintenance. And Britain's naval bases, which encircle the globe, lend to the Royal Navy a mobility far greater and an influence incomparably more pervasive than that of the United States. The ultimate goal of the two countries should be to make all bases available to both fleets. Britain should arrange facilities for America at Gibraltar, Hong Kong and Singapore, in exchange for similar concessions at Hawaii and elsewhere. The Dominions would no doubt follow the British lead, and open for American use the great harbours at Durban and Port Elizabeth in South Africa, Sydney and Darwin in Australia, and Auckland in New Zealand. Such working arrangements are as effective as any paper alliance, and they avoid the political complications that a paper alliance would involve. This promising beginning to closer Anglo-American understanding follows on the excellent cooperation shown by Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Bevin in the field of foreign policy. Logically, the next step to be worked out must deal with the economic affairs of the two countries. And, eventually, whatever agreements are reached they should be extended to include not only the whole of the British Commonwealth but also the free countries of western Europe. The fusing of the national interests of the free world will not be achieved overnight. But the more Britain and America can succeed in working harmoniously together, the closer we shall be to the One World which is our only hope of permanent peace. It would be a mistake to try to hurry the process too much; the final result will be all the more durable for a gradual growth. Some years must pass before any nation will be ready to cede the least part of its national sovereignty to a central authority; but even the smallest and apparently most insignificant practical agreements that can be reached between like-minded countries today will assuredly play their part in temporarily safeguarding the peace of the world. At the same time the foundations of a more permanent system will have been laid.

### THE DIGNITY OF FATHER

The London County Council will not call its evening lectures for men "Fathercraft Classes," because a woman alderman thinks the name would lower the dignity of fathers.

The alderman (Mrs. N. C. Runge) said:

"It is an extremely good thing that fathers should attend these courses, but we must uphold the dignity of the head of the family. I can see the day coming when these classes will be called 'Daddycraft'."

"When a child asks where daddy is the mother will reply: 'Gone to class to learn how to look after you.'"

"Fathers will run the risk of being chickenpecked as well as henpecked."

The County Council chairman said he thought there was dignity in fathers' classes, but promised to change the name to "Innocraft" or "parentcraft."

### METAL HOUSES £1,000 EACH

A factory which produced 3,400 Wellington bombers during the war is now producing aluminium permanent two-storey houses, schools, and meeting halls.

They are being built partly from wrecked bombers and partly from reserve planes for which there is no use.

The buildings are being turned out at the rate of one every 20 minutes; and by next June 54,000 will have been produced.

The houses are estimated to have a life of only 15 years. They cost about £1,000 each, and are being rented at 17/6 a week.

Pretoria, Dec. 27.  
The South African State Information Office to be set up on January 1 will devote special attention to overseas propaganda, it was announced today. The feeling that South Africa had, in the past, been badly served in the matter of propaganda, was expressed in a recent statement by General Smuts, the South African Premier. — Reuter.

## Another "Far Away" Country

By HILDA SELWYN-CLARKE

On a famous—or infamous occasion—the late Mr. Neville Chamberlain, then Prime Minister, made a broadcast in which he referred to Hitler's impending invasion of Czechoslovakia. It was "horrible, fantastic and incredible," he said, that "we should be digging trenches and trying on gas-masks because of a quarrel in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing."

That was eight years ago. In the House of Commons on November 18, Mr. Attlee, in replying to the "rebel" amendment to the Address, referred to a statement by Mr. Crossman that the new American treaty with China, "brutally asserts the right of economic interference in that country. Mr. Attlee said: 'I had not seen the treaty, so I sent for it.'"

Hilda Selwyn-Clarke, who knows China intimately, points out that Britain has no policy in this "far-away country" of which our Prime Minister appears to know next to nothing. Yet the Pacific may be just as great a "danger spot" as Czechoslovakia was in 1938.

Britain has no independent policy with regard to China. It is now vital, in the interests of world peace, that she should dissociate herself from the policy of the United States in the Pacific.

Diplomatically, Britain has had no policy in China, since the surrender of Japan, but until now, this lack of policy has had certain advantages. Unlike America, whose support of a reactionary Kuomintang clique was outlined in an article by Miss Agnes Smalley last month, Britain has still a considerable prestige in China. America, by spending vast sums and by diverting the surplus war material of the Pacific to support one faction in China, has earned the deep hostility of the Communists, the Democratic League and all progressive elements in China. Britain, for sound commercial practice, her initiative in surrendering the Treaty Ports during the war has added to her prestige and, above all, progressive Chinese look to a Labour Government for support and for a constructive policy in China.

Remembering that World War II broke out in Manchuria in 1931, can we ignore the present civil war in China and its obvious international repercussions? The vital significance of the Chinese problem was underlined in Alexander Werth's recent conversation with Stalin, when Stalin emphatically agreed that the earliest withdrawal of all American troops in China, was essential to world peace. In China, fourteen months after the Japanese surrender, in the country of an Ally, there are five and a half million men under arms. War has spread over half the provinces of China and the military aid that has been given by the United States has prevented General Marshall and Dr. Leighton Stuart from achieving a political settlement of the differences between the reactionary Kuomintang group and the rest of China.

### A Vast Sub-Colony

The Siberian border marches with that of China for hundreds of miles but the Soviet Union has withdrawn her troops from China. There is no evidence of her giving any assistance to the Communists beyond what they gained during the withdrawal of the Red Army from Manchuria. But if America's hegemony of the Pacific is assured through the control of China, Japan and the Pacific bases, Siberia and the Russian ports on the Pacific are threatened. As Madam Sun Yat Sen stated in July, "The first flame of world conflagration is burning today in our land. It must be quenched lest the fire destroy the world."

The Chinese do not want their country to become a vast sub-colony of American imperialism; they hate foreign domination and have endured it too long. Yet all educated Chinese recognise that they need technical and scientific help from the West. Britain can give this help, and the very weakness of her position in the Far East is a guarantee that China could accept such assistance without sacrificing any of her political independence.

The Chinese Communists have no intention of transplanting the Soviet model to China. They recognise that their country is emerging from a semi-feudal state and that the greatest need is agrarian reform, the relieving of the peasants from their burden of high rents and exorbitant taxation. They have tried to increase agricultural and industrial production both through private enterprise and the development of co-operatives. Within the severe limitations of war and inflation, the Chinese industrial co-operatives have been enormously successful in China, because they are an extension of the Chinese family system.

Britain, more than any other country, could assist this struggling, democratic movement, because the Co-operative societies have been an integral part of our economy for over a hundred years. Technical help, loans, machinery are all badly

needed, and can assist the Chinese to become self-supporting, instead of their depending on the ill-organised, corrupt famine relief of UNRRA and CNRRA.

### Hong Kong Opportunity

For years, the Chinese Communists, with the support of millions of peasants, have tried to implement Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Three Principles—democracy, national independence and the improvement of the People's livelihood. Their reward is American bombs, tanks, and war materials, destroying their achievements and the people in the areas of American penetration. We fought the war for democracy but we are silent.

We have one responsibility left in China—Hong Kong. Britain's ship window in China. What we do in this small colony affects profoundly our prestige in China. But here again we do not appear to have a policy. There is nothing to be gained by handing basic Hong Kong and her local population, who suffered much for the Allied cause during Japanese occupation, to be governed by the present dictatorship in China, to be terrorised by the secret police. This great international port would in these circumstances be reduced to the chaotic condition of Shanghai.

While that question is in abeyance, we have an unparalleled opportunity of making Hong Kong a model of a progressive democratic community. It is urgently necessary that the Chinese should realise that there has been a change in the Government of this country. The creation of trade unions, under the guidance of an experienced trade unionist, from this country would be of far-reaching value. The reconstruction of Hong Kong University for lines that would promote closer cultural relations between Great Britain and China should be considered.

### Convince The Chinese

A closer contact with China through the appointment of a political adviser to the Hong Kong Government, who represented the declared policy of our Labour Government, could do much to ease the present financial and political difficulties. With a different group of Chinese in Hong Kong, an exhibition on the lines of "Britain Can Make It" at South Kensington, would be of enormous interest to the Chinese and would improve our relations. And, above all, the abolition of race discrimination in the Colony would convince the Chinese that there is a real change of heart at home.

It is time that we turned our attention to the Pacific. In the interests of preventing a third world war, in the interests of the 500,000,000 Chinese, the first victims of Fascist aggression, who have suffered the devastation of war for so many years, Britain should demonstrate that they believe in Socialism is not confined to this country or even to Europe.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Right across his chest" "property of Abigail Enderby!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay  
"The Authority on Authorities"

### KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

If your partner had made a business double of an opponent's immediate overall, and the other opponent tries to rescue another suit, opportunity may be knocking at your side's door. Perhaps the opponents are out on a limb. If so you don't want to be kind and shake them down out of their trouble. So, unless you can double their bid, you generally should pass in this situation, to see if your partner wants to double that second suit. Making a bid of your own at that time may sacrifice a nice chance to record a penalty score.

S. 3-2  
H. K. Q. J. 7  
D. K. J. 8 6 4  
C. J. 3

S. K. J. 9  
H. 8 5  
D. A. Q. 10  
C. 10 6 7

S. A. Q. 10 8 6  
H. 3 2  
D. 3 2  
C. A. K. 9 5

(Dealer South. Neither side vulnerable.)  
South West North East  
1 S 2 D 1 North 2 H  
3 C Pass 3 NT

Oh, what a sigh of relief from West when South bid the 3-Club! And what a sigh of another kind from North, who wanted to double the 2-Heart! South was in a position in which he should have made what we recently dubbed a "forced pass." Meaning that, if he could not double, he should pass to see if his partner wanted

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#### WINSTON AGAIN

New York, Dec. 27.—  
Mr. Winston Churchill, in  
an article in "Colliers" mag-  
azine—the first he has publish-  
ed since 1933—urges the  
formation of a United States  
of Europe, of which he writes  
the people of the Soviet  
Union should have nothing to  
fear.  
"The fear overhanging  
Europe," writes Mr. Church-  
ill, "could be ended at a  
single stroke. The two or  
three hundred millions of  
people in Europe have only  
got to wake up one morning  
and resolve to be happy and  
free by becoming one family  
of nations, bound together  
from the Atlantic to the  
Black Sea."—Reuter.

### Monty To Visit Russia

London, Dec. 27.—  
The War Office an-  
nounced tonight that the  
Chief of Imperial Gen-  
eral Staff, Field Marshal  
Viscount Montgomery,  
who is "anxious to ac-  
quaint himself with the  
military life of the Red  
Army," hopes to visit  
Moscow early in the  
New Year.

Generalissimo Stalin issued an  
invitation to Field Marshal Mont-  
gomery at the Potsdam confer-  
ence to visit Moscow at some  
future date.

On Oct. 14 the Soviet Military  
Attache in London conveyed to  
Field Marshal Montgomery an in-  
vitation from Marshal Vassiliev-  
sky, Chief of the Soviet General  
Staff, to visit Moscow at the end  
of 1946 or at the beginning of 1947.  
The invitation has been ac-  
cepted.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 28.—  
Hundreds of passers-by today watched a dramatic  
gun-battle five storeys up above a busy central  
London street where armed police eventually  
captured a man wanted for questioning in  
connection with the Christmas Day killing of  
a Jamaican airman.

One police officer was shot through the eye before  
the fugitive, described as a tall fair-haired  
young man of about 27, was finally over-  
powered and bundled downstairs into a wait-  
ing police van.

This afternoon in the operating  
room of a neighbouring hospital,  
an eye specialist will try to save  
the sight of the wounded con-  
stable, Bertie Rowsell, who  
holds ten commendations of the  
Metropolitan Police Commissioner,  
as well as the British Empire  
Medal in recognition of his war  
services. He is expected to  
recover.

The chase began at 10 a.m.  
today when the police saw the  
man they wanted to interview  
about the fatal shooting of the  
airman, Aloysius Abbott, outside  
a cafe in New Cavendish Street,  
in London's West End.

#### Roof-top Chase

They found him in Bloomsbury  
Central University district, but  
on seeing the police he ran  
away. In the middle of a busy  
shopping centre, the man fired

a shot. Women screamed. One  
detective leaped into a passing  
taxi and another into a police van  
in an attempt to catch the flee-  
ing gunman. He dived into the  
doorway of a building and ran  
upstairs.

The police followed and chased  
him from roof to roof. By that  
time the radio cars had called  
reinforcements to the spot and  
eventually nearly 100 police  
were concentrated in the neigh-

### SCIENCE AIDS HUNTERS

Washington, Dec. 28.—  
Wolves and coyotes (which  
resemble wild dogs and prey on  
cattle and other livestock) are  
being attacked scientifically by  
the United States Government.

On the western plains they  
roam, the animals are finding  
choice bits of bait. When they  
bite it, a hidden, buried gun  
fires a dose of sodium cyanide  
into their mouths. They die  
seconds later.

The device is known as the  
"Coyote-Getter." In addition,  
many of the beasts are being  
shot from airplanes.—Associat-  
ed Press.

#### Charged With Murder

London, Dec. 28.—  
Frederick Rowland Westbrook,  
aged 22, was charged at a London  
police station last night with the  
murder of Aloysius Abbott, 21-  
year-old Jamaican airman, on  
Christmas Day.

The police gave formal evi-  
dence of arrest this morning  
in a court crowded with specta-  
tors, among whom was a  
Jamaican lawyer who said he  
represented Abbott's relations.

Detective-Inspector Higgins  
described in official language  
how he went to Cartwright  
Gardens, the scene of yester-  
day's hectic chase and saw  
Westbrook arrested.

At the back of a fireside  
chair in the room where the  
fugitive was taken, the Inspec-  
tor said he found a 9-millimetre  
Browning automatic pistol.  
When he told Westbrook that  
he was inquiring into Abbott's  
death, the soldier replied: "I  
was there, but did not know  
that I had killed anybody when  
I shot."

Westbrook was remanded in  
custody until January 11.—  
Reuter.

#### Court Sequel

London, Dec. 28.—  
A sequel to the dramatic  
roof-top gun-battle yesterday  
took place in the London  
Magistrate's Court today when  
Frederick Rowland Westbrook,  
described as a 27-year-old sol-  
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### Ice-Breakers' Big Job

Hamburg, Dec. 27.—  
Ice-breakers are struggling  
day and night to keep the river  
Elbe flowing from the borders  
of Bohemia to the North Sea  
—open to navigation in one of  
Germany's worst winter freeze-  
ups in 20 years, the British  
News Service in Germany re-  
ported tonight.

Ice-floes are drifting down  
the lower reaches into the  
North Sea, while the upper  
course is frozen hard.

The ice-breakers are mainly  
engaged in preventing the pil-  
ing up of ice, which would re-  
sult in a large-scale flooding  
and breaching of the dykes as  
occurred in the winter of 1932.  
—Reuter.

#### POPE RECEIVES ENVOYS

London, Dec. 27.—  
Vatican radio reports the Pope  
received today in private  
audience the Ambassadors of  
France, Spain, Belgium, Italy,  
Columbia, Brazil, Ecuador, San  
Domingo, Chile, and Peru, who  
conveyed their Christmas wishes  
and New Year greetings.—Reuter.

### HOWARD HUGHES' LITTLE WAR

Washington, Dec. 27.—  
The authoritative "American  
Aviation" daily reports that  
the millionaire aviator, Howard  
Hughes, has requested the re-  
signation of all officers and  
directors of Transcontinental  
and Western Airlines.

The paper said the widening  
rift between Mr. Hughes, who  
owns 46 per cent of the Air-  
lines stock, and the president,  
Mr. Jack Frye, was "behind the  
financial crisis in TWA".—  
United Press.

#### The "Next War"

If another war comes, LeMay  
said, the United States will be  
the first attacked and hostilities  
will start "with bombs and  
guided missiles falling on the  
United States."

He said research and air  
power must be maintained at  
a maximum condition during  
peacetime, since there will be  
no time to prepare and tool up  
industry for war production.



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## BOMB TO STAY SECRET Unless Veto Power Is Ruled Out Flat Refusal By United States

Lake Success, Dec. 27.

Russia steadfastly refused to vote when members of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission approved the preliminary sections of the American proposal for international control of atomic energy.

The Soviet delegate, M. Gromyko, failed to attend the meeting. Most delegates considered this an indication of Soviet anger at the Commission's determination for a showdown vote despite Russian pleas for further delay.

Russia was represented by the scientist, Professor S. F. Alexandrov, who said M. Gromyko was engaged with other business. He did not disclose what kind of business was taking precedence over atomic matters.

Prof. Alexandrov remained silent while the Commission approved, paragraph by paragraph, the section on the "findings" suggested in the American plan sponsored by Mr. Bernard Baruch. Numerous changes in the wording were proposed by Canada and accepted by the United States without serious conflict.

The Baruch "findings" adopted by the Commission acknowledged that atomic weapons should be banned through treaties and that international inspection would be necessary to guard against violations.

Dr. Quo Tai-chi, China, sought clarification on whether or not the proposed treaties should include countries not members of the United Nations. He pointed out that Franco Spain was specifically barred from the UNO and that if Spain did not agree to the treaty, she might feel free to make atomic weapons.

The Commission planned to meet on Monday to give final overall approval, but the issues will be decided in the current meetings which are being held behind closed doors.

### Amendments

Canada and France have asked for important changes in the American programme for the international control of atomic energy aimed to make the United States plan more acceptable to Russia.

Canada proposed a long list of amendments. Commission members sitting as a committee of the world barred outsiders from the meeting. But it is learned that Canada offered an amendment which would let

the Big Five powers have the right to veto punishment of any country caught making atomic weapons illegally. The suggestion collided head-on with the Baruch plan, which states specifically that the punishment of an offending nation could not be vetoed.

Canada modified some of the proposed amendments after a meeting between Canadian and United States representatives.

French and British delegates, not satisfied entirely with the Baruch plan, sought some changes but were trying mostly to avoid a break with Russia.

### Baruch Plan

Baruch's programme envisioned an international agency to manage all atomic activities. Agents would watch fissionable materials at every stage of processing to make sure they are used only for peaceful purposes.

A detailed plan for carrying out inspection went before Commission members on Saturday with the Baruch programme. The inspection plan, however, was not expected to cause any serious disagreement. It was drawn up by a committee of technicians after weeks of secret meetings with atomic scientists.

The Atomic Commission will incorporate the technical report and some version of the Baruch proposal in its report to the Security Council by New Year's Eve.—United Press.

### Baruch's Demands

Lake Success, Dec. 28. Baruch told the United Nations today that the United States could not surrender the atomic bomb to the rest of the world unless the United Nations ruled out the veto on punishment of atomic crimes.

Baruch demanded an immediate vote and declared that without the veto he could not ask the United States Senate to approve an atomic plan

### NEW WEAPONS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.

The Chrysler Corporation discloses that it recently delivered to the United States Army's Ordnance Department a number of mammoth tanks and large mobile guns, which included a "battle-wagon" designed to carry a 10-inch howitzer with a barrel 27 feet long which could shoot a 360-lb. shell 16 miles.—Associated Press.

involving surrender of the secret.

"I cannot recommend to the people of the United States, I cannot advocate before the Senate of the United States that this country surrender this potent weapon and reveal to mankind its tremendous knowledge in the field of the production of atomic energy for war and opening the gates for use of atomic energy for the good of all mankind—under any system which is open to nullification of punishment by what can be called a subterfuge," Baruch declared.

As the weary delegates passed their eighth hour of debate Baruch closed his statement

### Paramount Film Banned.

Singapore, Dec. 28.

The Malayan Union Government on Saturday banned the Paramount motion picture "Beyond the Blue Horizon" starring Dorothy Lamour, on the ground that the film misrepresented Malaya.

The announcement said that the decision was taken after a panel of nine leading members from various committees saw the picture and decided against its being shown in the Malayan Union.

Singapore audiences saw the film during a week's run in November. No protests were received at Singapore.—Associated Press.

with these words:

"All that we have asked you to do is to vote in favour of the proposition that it should not lie within the power of anyone to determine by his own veto whether he or any friend is guilty and should be punished should have this right by voting against our position, or you fail to take a stand on the question by refraining from voting, or you vote for this sound and basic principle of enduring justice and plain common sense."—Associated Press.

## Germans Not Starving Experts Report

Berlin, Dec. 27.

A committee of British, French and American nutrition experts today reported that starvation is non-existent in the three Western occupation zones. In a 24-page report made after a two-week tour of 13 cities in the three zones the committee admitted "severe undernutrition" despite the recent ration boosts in all the three areas.

Discussing the food and health situation of residents of Western Germany, the report said "..... a significantly larger proportion is in an unsatisfactory condition and of these an increasing number show signs of severe undernutrition. Starvation of the population, as the term is generally understood, does not exist."

The report adds that a survey made by nutritional specialists of the three nations since the

beginning of the occupation said that starvation is imminent in German prisons.

"Although the physiological needs of people confined to prison are less than those living a free life, the present rations are insufficient to prevent starvation," the report said.

### Not Enough

Even the recently raised ration scales are not enough to keep the German people healthy since in many cases the official ration figures are not met in reality, the committee reported.

The group reported that "without further supplies than now appear available even these ration issues cannot be continued beyond a relatively short period."

The committee recommended general adoption of the French zone plan of raising the rations for miners' families as having maintained health and boosted coal output.

The British zone method of giving extra food only to miners has not worked out because the men share the food with their families and production is not affected, the report said.—United Press.

### War Vets Riot

Rome, Dec. 27.

Italian war veterans, rioting over the Government refusal to meet their demands for a Christmas bonus, attempted to set fire to the Town Hall in Bari today, according to Ansa, the Italian News Agency.

The police opened fire on the rioters, killing one, and wounding 14—four seriously.

The ex-Servicemen demanded a bonus of 3,000 lire. According to Rome newspapers the Bari police asked Rome for reinforcements to deal with the disorders which were reported tonight to be continuing.—Reuter.

## Immigration Snags For Truman

Washington, Dec. 27.

President Truman will make a specific appeal for increased European immigration into the United States in his coming "State of the Union" message to Congress, it was learned authoritatively today.

The proposal, however, will meet with determined opposition in Congress. The Democratic Senator Elmer Thomas, of Oklahoma, disclosed that he would counter President

Truman's move by urging all immigration of any kind be stopped.

"I am against immigration," he declared. "There may be a few exceptions, but as a general principle, I am opposed to it until we get our domestic economy a little more stabilized—and that may take years," he added.

Part of President Truman's message dealing with immigration will be in implementation of the promises contained in the recent statements he made on the Palestine problem.

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It is understood he will attempt to deal specifically with some 800,000 displaced persons in the camps of the American zone in Germany.

The President will urge liberalized American immigration laws on the ground that such a move would set the example for other countries which are able to accommodate refugees permanently inside their borders.—Reuter.

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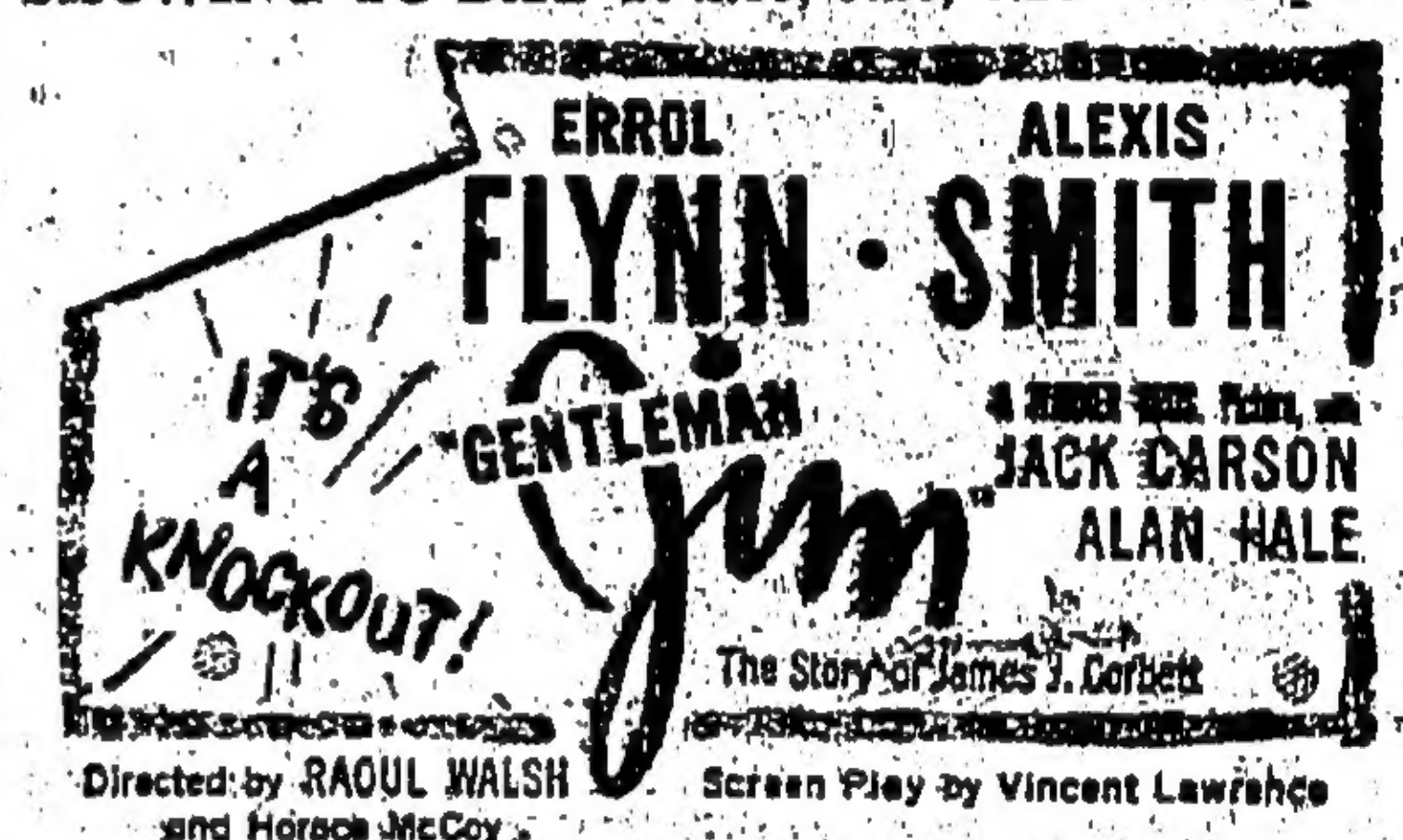
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Amber St. Claire illegitimate daughter of noble blood, who is brought up in a small village by foster-parents. She grows into a ravishing beauty, and in the village one day in the year 1660 she meets—

Bruce, Lord Carlton, a cavalier, with whom she falls in love. Travelling with Lord Carlton is the

Earl of Almsbury, who, seeing Amber's obvious infatuation for Bruce, flippantly introduces them at the local inn, where Amber impulsively offers to serve the cavaliers with wine so that she can be near Bruce. Amber persuades Carlton to take her to London with him. Eventually Carlton leaves for the Indies to repair the family fortunes lost in the Civil War. Amber is desolate. She finds herself with child and marries a man who eventually disappears with all the money Carlton had left her.

All alone, Amber gets into debt and is thrown into Newgate Gaol, where she suffers every degradation. In order to ease her lot she gives herself to a notorious highwayman, who plans their escape. The highwayman is eventually hanged. Amber then goes on the stage because she learns that actresses cannot be arrested.

She meets Captain Rex Morgan, a gallant from the Court, who falls madly in love with her. While Amber is his mistress she is summoned by the King and lives with him.

Then Bruce Carlton returns. He and Amber go to see their son, who is being cared for by a foster-mother. Rex Morgan hears of her love affair with Carlton and challenges him to a duel. Rex is killed. Bruce once again sails away.

Amber thinking she is again with child, goes to Tunbridge Wells to take the waters. On the way she meets

Samuel Dangerfield, a 60-year-old wealthy City merchant, and a widower. Learning of his wealth, Amber, although posing as a respectable and virtuous woman, uses all her wiles and charm to get Samuel to marry her. Eventually he succumbs. Samuel takes Amber, barely 20, to Dangerfield House as his wife.

Bruce visits London soon after her marriage and Amber carries on her clandestine love affair with him. She becomes pregnant again, but her husband believes the child is his. Then Dangerfield dies and leaves Amber £68,000.

Amber gives birth to a daughter. With her maid, Nan and other servants, she moves into a fine new building in St. Martin's-lane. Soon afterwards red crosses begin to appear on some doorways. It is the beginning of The Plague.

Amber's arrival in the apartment at St. Martin's-lane created a considerable excitement. A widow as rich as she would have created interest even if she were not also young and lovely.

But her fortune made her suspicious of the motives of any young man. In any case, the courtiers were all out at sea with the fleet. And so she stayed at home absorbed in being a mother for the time being. She was content to wait for Bruce to return. And the plague grew like an incoming tide. At last, to the relief of her maid, Amber prepared to leave London for the country.

One day, however, she heard from Shadrach, Newbold, her goldsmith, that Bruce Carlton might come into port soon. Amber announced her intention of staying in town. She sent off the baby with Nan, her nurse, Tansy, and Big John Waterman, who had come from Dangerfield House because of his love for Nan.

### Bruce Home

London was emptying rapidly now. But Amber went to the wharves, where one day at length she saw Bruce. She ran along the quays and called him. His face was tired and his skin wet with sweat.

"What the devil are you doing down here?" he asked. "I came to see you, darling," she answered softly. "Aren't you glad?"

He gave a faint smile as though ashamed of his bad temper. "Of course I am," he looked at her figure. "The baby's been born?"

She told him it had and that she had named it Susanna; that Samuel Dangerfield was dead. And then he took her arm and walked her towards her coach. He told her she must leave London and that already some of

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### Plague Victim

The last hour before going to meet Bruce she brushed and arranged her hair and painted her face. She was fastening a bracelet when she saw a funeral procession. Torches burned and banners floated. Such were common occurrences now. But Amber went out and down to the wharf to meet her lover.

When they reached her lodging, she ran on upstairs ahead of him, full of trembling excitement. But he was still only half-way up, mounting with slow, heavy steps, strangely and frighteningly unlike him. He's sick. No, he isn't sick. Just tired and hungry. She gave him brandy.

She ran into the bed-chamber, which opened out of the parlour, and while she took off her gown and unpinned her hair she talked to him from the doorway—still hoping that he was not so tired as he seemed, that he would get up and come to her. But he merely sat, watching her and drinking the brandy, saying very little. She stepped out of her dress, untied the bows on her shoes and stripped off her stockings, let her petticoats drop to the floor and bent to pick them up.

"I've got everything you like best for supper: Westphalian-style ham and roast duck and an almond pudding and champagne."

He told her at table, wearily, of his voyages. But at last laid down his fork. "I'm sorry, Amber, but I can't eat. There's no use pretending. I've got the plague. You'll have to go alone, Amber."

"Bruce! Don't say that. If it is the plague I'll take care of you and make you well again."

His face was wet with sweat. His muscles seemed useless. He dropped on to the cushioned couch with a sigh, his eyes already closed. He shuddered frequently. Amber left him and returned from her bedroom with a satin quilt, which she flung over him. She eventually got him moved into the bed-chamber.

There began a vigil that seemed an eternity. Hourly Amber was at his side, bathing his forehead.

The servants had fled and she had to do everything in the apartment.

She began to clean up the room. She picked up her own clothes and put them away, spread his over some chairs to dry, brought a basin to use next time he vomited, and a silver urinal. She did not dare stop working or let herself begin to think.

Once or twice Bruce began to retch and each time she ran to hold the basin and help him sit up, covering his chest with a clean white linen towel, and at last he vomited again. When he tried to get out of bed she forced him back and brought the urinal, and now she saw that there was a tender-looking red swelling in his right groin—the beginning of the plague-bub. The last of her hopes died quietly.

The room stank, for all the windows were closed. She was not afraid of the night air herself, but she shared the common belief that it was fatal to a sick man. And she clung superstitiously to the country belief that if there was serious illness in the house death would not come if all doors and windows were kept tight shut and bolted. The smells were thick and heavy. She did not realise how overpowering they had become until she opened the door into the parlour and took a breath of clean air. Then she lighted the fire in the bed-chamber and flung on a handful of dried herbs. She made up the trundle and shoved it back out of sight and then, while he seemed to be somewhat quieter than usual, she took the slop pans and went down to empty them into the courtyard privy and rinse them out. She made two more trips to bring up pails of fresh water.

### Going To Die

Bruce had an intense thirst, but though she gave him one glass of water after another

the thirst was not allayed and he soon threw it up. Again and again he vomited, retching with a violence it seemed would tear out his bowels; each time it left him pouring sweat, exhausted and all but unconscious. Amber, who ran to hold the pan and to support him, watched him with horror and pity and a growing rage.

He's going to die, she thought, holding the pan beneath his chin, pushing herself against his back to help him sit up. He's going to die. I know he is! Oh, this filthy rotten plague! Why did it come? Why did he get it? Why should he be the one—and not somebody else?

He dropped down once more, flat on his back, and suddenly she flung herself across him, her fingers clutching at his arms—the muscles, though useless now, still looked hard and powerful beneath the brown skin. "She began to cry, holding on to him defiantly and with all her strength as though determined she would not give him up to Death. She murmured his name, mingled with curses and endearments, and her sobs grew wilder and more frantic until she was almost hysterical.

### Awake Again

She was jerked out of her orgy of self-pity back to reality by Bruce, whose fingers took hold of her hair and pulled her head slowly upward. She looked at him, her face smeared with tears, her eyes oddly slanted as his grip on her hair dragged at her scalp. Sick with shame and remorse she stared at him, wondering desperately what she had been saying—and if he had heard her.

"Amber—"

His tongue had swollen now until it almost filled his mouth, and it was covered with a thick white fur, though the edges were red and shiny. His eyes were dull, but he looked at her with recognition for the first time in many hours, scowling with the agonised effort to seize hold of his thoughts and express them.

"Amber—Why—why—aren't you—gone—"

She looked at him warily, like a trapped animal. "I am, Bruce. I am going. I'm just going now." Her fingers, spread out on the quilt before her, moved backward a little, but she could not stir.

He let go of her hair, gave another deep sigh, and his head rolled over sideways. "God go with you. Go on—while—"

The words slurred off, and he was almost quiet again, though still softly mumbling.

Slowly and carefully she moved away from him, genuinely afraid, for she had heard many awful tales of plague-victims gone mad. She was sweating with relief when at last she stood on her feet again and out of his reach. But the tears were gone, and she realised that if she was to be of any use to him she must hold herself in control, do what she could to make him comfortable, and pray that God would not let him die.

With quick resolution she went to work again.

She bathed his face and arms and combed his hair—he had not been wearing a periwig when she had met him at the wharf. His lips were parched and beginning to split from the fever, and she covered them with pomade. She brought fresh towels from the nursery, and gathered all the soiled articles into a great bag, though of course no laundress would take it if it became known that there was plague in the house. And all the while she kept one eye on him, tried to understand him when he muttered something and to anticipate what he wanted so that he would not have to make the effort of reaching or moving himself.

Amber decided she must get a doctor, and next morning, making sure that Bruce was fairly quiet, she dashed out of the house to call one. The doctor was out, but she left a message for him to call at once.

She waited nervously for the doctor. A hundred times she looked out of the window, swearing beneath her breath at his slowness. But it was mid-afternoon before he arrived, and she flew down the stairs to let him in.

"Thank God you've come! Hurry!" Already she was on her way back up again.

He was a tired old man, smoking a pipeful of tobacco, and he started wearily after her. "Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!" he said, "I'll be back in a moment."

### Doctor Calls

She turned and looked at him sharply, angry that he apparently did not consider this patient to be of unusual importance. But, nevertheless, she was relieved to have him there. He could tell her how Bruce was, and what she should do for him. Ordinarily, she shared the popular scepticism regarding doctors, but now she would have believed implicitly the idlest words of any quack or charlatan.

She arrived at the bedside before he did, and stood there, watching him walk slowly into the room, her eyes big and apprehensive. Bruce lay now in a coma, though he was still mumbling and moving restlessly about. Dr. Barton stopped short of the bed by several feet, and he held a handkerchief to his nose. For a moment he looked at Bruce without speaking.

"Well?" demanded Amber. "How is he?" The doctor gave a faint shrug. "Madam, you ask me to answer the impossible. I do not know. Is there a hub?" "Yes. It started to rise last night."

### We're Helpless

She turned back the quilts so that she could see the lump in Bruce's groin, enlarged now to the size of a half-submerged tennis ball; the skin over it looked stretched and red and shining.

"Does it seem to cause him much pain?" "I touched it once, by accident, and he gave a terrible yell."

The rising of the plague-bub is the most painful stage of the disease. But unless there is one they seldom live. "Then he will live, doctor? He'll get well?" Her eyes glistened eagerly.

"Madam, I can promise you nothing. I don't know. No one knows. We must simply admit that we don't understand it—we're helpless. Sometimes they die in an hour, sometimes it takes days. Sometimes it's easy, without a convulsion, other times they go in a screaming agony. The strong and healthy are as vulnerable as the frail and weak. What have you been giving him to eat?" "Nothing. He refuses everything I try to feed him. And he vomits so often it wouldn't do any good."

"Nevertheless, he must eat. Force it down him some way, and feed him often—every three or four hours."

"I'll report the case to the parish and a nurse will be sent to help you. To protect yourself I'd advise you to sleep some byelaves or juniper in vinegar and breathe the fumes several times a day."

He turned and started to go, and Amber, though keeping an eye on Bruce, walked along with him. "And, by the way, Madam, you'd better hide whatever valuables you may have in the house before the nurse arrives."

"Good Lord! What kind of a nurse are you sending?" "The parish has to take whoever volunteers—we have too few already—and though some of them are honest enough, the

truth of it is that most of them are not." He had reached the ante-room now and just before he started down the stairs he said: "If the plague-spots appear—you may as well send for the sexton to ring the bell. No one can help him after that. I'll stop again tomorrow."

Even as he spoke they heard the bells begin to toll somewhere in the distance, two tenor notes, struck for a woman. "It's the vengeance of God upon us for our sins. Well—good-day, Madam."

Amber went back and set immediately about her new tasks, for, tired as she was, she was glad to have work to do. It helped her to keep from thinking, and each thing that she did for him gave her a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

She poured some of the water which she kept hot in the kitchen into several stone bottles, wrapped them in towels and packed them all about him, and she brought out half a dozen more blankets from the nursery. He protested, pushing them down again and again, but each time, patiently, she covered him and went on with what she had been doing.

### Unconscious

The sweat began to run off his face in rivers, and the sheets beneath him were soaked and yellow. The fire roared and she heaped it with coals, making the room so hot that, though she took off her petticoat, pushed her sleeves high and opened her gown, the silk clung to her ribs, and there were wet spots beneath her breasts and in her armpits. She pulled her heavy hair up off her neck and skewered it on top of her head, and she mopped, at her face and chest with a handkerchief.

She poured the emetic into his mouth and then, without waiting for it to take effect, administered the clyster. This was a difficult and painful process, but Amber was beyond disgust or fastidiousness—she did what was necessary as well as she could, and without thinking about it.

Afterwards she cleaned up the mess it had made, washed her hands, and went out to the kitchen to prepare the mustard plaster and to make a sackposet of hot milk, sugar and spices, and white wine.

He made no protest when she laid the poultice on the boil, and did not seem to know that it was there. Believed—for she had been afraid that it might hurt him—she went back to finish making the posset.

### A Shack

She tasted the curried drink, sprinkled on just a bit more cinnamon, and then tasted it again. It was good. She poured it into the double-pottered posset pot and started for the bedroom. At that moment she heard a yell, a strange, terrible sound that sent a quivering chill along her spine. Then there was a thud and a loud crash.

She slammed the pewter pot on to the sideboard and ran toward the bedroom. He was half-crouched on the floor, just getting to his feet—he had apparently fallen as he climbed out of bed, and overturned the table beside it.

"Bruce!" she screamed at him, but he was not conscious of her or what he was doing. Slowly he lunged to his feet and turned to push open the casement window which she had left unlocked. She rushed on toward him, stabbing up a candlestick from a chest of drawers, and just as he put one foot on the recessed sill she grabbed his arm and swung the heavy stick, striking him hard across the base of the skull. Vaguely she realised that there were people below in the street, looking up, and she heard a woman scream.

### A Struggle

He started to fall, sagging slowly, and she flung her arms about him, trying desperately to push him back on to the bed. But he was too heavy for her and, in spite of her efforts, slid slowly toward the floor. Knowing that she would never be able to lift him from there on to the high bed, she gave a sudden violent shove and he fell sideways, sprawling half across it; she stumbled and pitched down on to him.

Swiftly she was on her feet again, and she jerked a quilt from the bed to fling over him, for he was naked and streaming sweat. Pulling and hauling, swearing with fright and rage, at last she got him back into the bed. She collapsed then into a chair beside it, completely exhausted, her muscles quivering and jumping resentfully.

### Exhausted

Then, as she looked at him, she saw that a dark streak of blood was beginning to make a crooked path down his neck, and she got wearily to her feet again. With cotton and cold water she sponged it off, and wrapped a clean linen band—torn from a towel—around his head.

"Fox—on that nurse!" she thought furiously. "Why doesn't she get here?" She replaced the mustard plaster and filled the hot-water bottles again, for they had begun to cool.

On her way back to the kitchen she stopped and took a long drink of the posset. It was supposed to be highly invigorating and, at least for a time, did make her feel stronger. Putting the pot down she wiped her mouth with the back of her hand. If only that pestilent wench would arrive, she thought. Maybe I could sleep then. I'll die if I don't get some sleep. Exhaustion came over her in waves and for several minutes she would think she could not make another move, or take another step. And then it would pass, leaving her no less tired but able to do what had to be done.

It was almost nine when the nurse arrived. Amber heard someone below talking to the guard, and then a rap at the door. She took a candle and hurried down to admit her.

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**CLAIMS TO ANTARCTIC LAND NOT RECOGNISED**

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The United States did not recognise any territorial claims by any nation in the Antarctic and reserved the right to contest such claims in the future, said Mr. Dean Acheson, Acting U.S. Secretary of State, tonight.

Speaking at a press conference, he added that the U.S. Government had never formally asserted any claims in that area on her own behalf. He denied press reports that the State Department had protested against the British occupation of United States property in Marguerite Bay area of the Antarctic.

Mr. Acheson said this official United States expedition to the Antarctic between 1939 and 1941 established some hutments and left machinery and supplies in Marguerite Bay. Since then the British mission had been permanently stationed there. Recently the United States asked the British to inform them of the condition of this property with a view to its use by the unofficial American expedition to leave next month under the leadership of the Navy Reserve Commander Finn Ronne.

Mr. Acheson stressed that this expedition was not an official one and was not to be confused with Admiral Richard Byrd's U.S. Navy expedition already on the way to the Antarctic. The British reply to the State Department's request for information, while expressing willingness to co-operate with Commander Ronne's expedition, pointed out there was not sufficient room in Marguerite Bay area for two full expeditions, and not sufficient seals there to provide feed for the men and dogs.

He reiterated there was no question of the British being ordered out of the American hutments and said that the British never occupied these buildings or used the machinery and supplies. Reuters Washington Bureau on Monday quoted British Embassy

sources there as saying that the British mission at Marguerite Bay was, "without prejudice to British territorial claims," removing its post to another site some 300 yards away.—Reuter.

**HOT SPOT CLOSED**Paris, Dec. 27.  
"Bal Tabaria," the night club renowned as the Mecca for fun seeking tourists, was closed today by order of the Prefect of Police.  
The close-down order of the Montmartre cabaret, famed for its girl shows, resulted from an incident which reportedly occurred on Christmas Eve when police inspectors in the course of a round of Paris night-spots to check identification papers of free-spending holidaymakers were prevented from entering.—United Press.**Britain Got Most Lend-Lease**

Washington, Dec. 27.

Only the final settlement of agreements with various countries and the delivery of the last of the supplies still in the "pipeline" on VJ-Day remain to complete the United States Lend-Lease aid, President Truman said today.

He was reporting to the Congress on Lend-Lease operations. This United States aid totalled \$12,673,000,000 from the beginning of the programme in March 1941 to September 1946.

On September 30, the final settlement agreement with the recipient countries had been signed with Britain, France, India, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium and Turkey—the countries which had received about 70 per cent of all the Lend-Lease aid.

Negotiations were now in progress with South Africa, Norway, Greece and the Netherlands. The Soviet Union had been invited to open negotiations. Final settlements remained to be discussed with Yugoslavia, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

**The Objective**

President Truman pointed out that the objective in the final agreements had been to ensure they should not be a burden on commerce but a promotion of mutually advantageous relations and the betterment of worldwide economic relations.

"I believe that the settle-

ments which have been worked out not only are highly satisfactory to the United States in the financial sense, but also serve the long-range interests of this country by providing one of the foundations of economic stability in the post-war era," he said.

**Military Supplies**

Military supplies accounted for more than 52 per cent of the total; industrial equipment and products 16.5 per cent; foodstuffs and other agricultural products 13.2 per cent and petroleum products 5.4 per cent. Of the 13 countries which entered into agreements with

**Food By Radiation Chemistry**

New York, Dec. 28.

A prediction that the world may some day feed its starving by the use of radiation chemistry—the secret of photograph—was made by Charles F. Kettering, head scientist of General Motors, to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Radiation chemistry, known also as photosynthesis, Kettering said, makes the earth's present food supply out of carbon dioxide, water and a few minerals.

"We know little of the process now," he declared, "but some day we may be able to reproduce it in the laboratory." Kettering said photography represents nearly all of man's use of this kind of chemistry. In industry radiation principles are in use to only a small extent.

Kettering also proposed that man get his fertilizer from the sea. He said he believed that if necessity demanded the fertilizer, essentials could be obtained from the sea, which already supplies magnesium and bromine and has even yielded a minute quantity of gold.—Associated Press.

**Wanted Man In Mountains**

Johannesburg, Dec. 27.

A coloured man wanted for two murders was today believed to be watching the police search party hunting for him under a blistering sun high in the mountains near Gudschoor about 200 miles east of Cape town.

Police dogs discovered one of the wanted man's camping spots.

The man is believed to be armed with a stolen rifle, and a quantity of dynamite is stated to have been taken from a hut by him.

He allegedly broke into the hut on Sunday night, shot the coloured couple and abducted their 17 years old daughter who later escaped.—Reuter.

The United States to purchase nearly \$300,000,000-worth of civilian type Lend-Lease goods in the pipeline on VJ-Day, France heads the list with \$100,000,000 worth.—Reuter.

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# Important New Oil Agreement Signed

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The agreement announced yesterday whereby the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company is to sell substantial quantities of crude product over a 20-year period to the United States Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the two companies are to reconnoitre the construction of a second pipeline was described this morning by a Foreign Office spokesman as a purely commercial transaction, arranged between the two concerns.

Political observers in London consider, however, that the deal has diplomatic importance and a semi-official character which may exert crucial influence on the future development of the Middle East.

The fact that the British Government is a considerable shareholder in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company cannot be ignored and the move also represents a big increase in the stake of United States interests in the countries of the Middle East.

In particular, it is felt that the deal may have a significant influence on the United States attitude to the Palestine problem, as has been reliably reported, a second pipeline from Iran to the Eastern Mediterranean would be planned to run through Haifa.

The second agreement announced yesterday, whereby the Standard Oil Company is to acquire an interest in the Arabian-American Oil Company, which exploits certain properties in Saudi Arabia, must also strengthen the United States connections with the Middle East at a time when this area is still the source of controversy between great powers and the scene of an as yet unsettled struggle for power.—Reuter.

## London Stock Exchange

London, Dec. 27.  
The Stock Exchange today was not in a very businesslike mood for its day session between the Christmas holidays and the weekend. The attendance of members was well below normal and business generally proved insufficient to test prices. The day's outstanding feature was the rise in Anglo-Iranian oil to 5 1/2 following news that the company has concluded a sales agreement with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the Socio-Vacuum companies.

British Government issues met small demand for superlative stocks which finished 1/16th higher. Industrials and gold-mining shares generally finished steady with notable change. Cotton shares were quietly firm apart from iron which was a few points easier.

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HKCC DRAW WITH ARMY

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BOWLING ANALYSIS

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SAINTS DEFEAT CASC BY THREE-ONE

St. Joseph's scored a well-deserved win over Chinese Amateur Sports Club at Causeway Bay yesterday when they won by three goals to one in the replay of the First Round of the Senior Shield.

St. Joseph's were without the services of Leung Shuen-chee and D. Leonard came into the team at inside left. The standard of play given by both teams was not high and did not reach the level of the first game when both teams battled for 110 minutes to a three-all draw.

The defence of both sides was brilliant. Alrosa in the pivotal position for the Saints was a tower of strength and was the main stumbling block of the Chinese forwards.

The Chinese forwards had several scoring chances but they were too slow in front of goal. Ho Yau-kee was the best of the attack.

The game started with the Saints on the attack but it was not long before the Chinese were on the offensive. Hussain cleared the first onerous movement of the Chinese.

At the other end Carvalho missed when well placed, but a short while after Saints took the lead through Santos when he netted following a scramble in the goal-mouth.

A misunderstanding between Carvalho and Santos robbed the Saints of a goal and play was transferred to the other end with the defence sprang-eared. Ho Yau-kee equalized.

There was no further scoring in the first half. Better football was seen in the opening periods of the second half and both sides were visited in turn.

Santos took the lead some ten minutes later through Alrosa who netted following a drive from Carvalho which the goalkeeper did not clear properly.

The Chinese then threw everything into the attack. Lee Kwok-wai led the attack and this livered up things for a while and the Saints defence was hard pressed for a time.

Unfortunately Lee Kwok-wai's methods were not beyond reproach and had feeling crisp in among the players. After a few fouls the referee stopped the game and administered a general caution to both teams.

This had the desired effect and the game was finished in a sporting manner. Just before full time Alrosa made the game safe for the Saints when he cut in from the right wing and scored.

The match was restricted to three days as rain prevented play on the opening day. The feature today was the bowling of Johnson in 26 overs, five of which were maidens, for he had seven wickets for 60 runs. Four of these were clean bowled, two leg-before-wicket and the other caught behind the wicket, where Groot had one other catch and one stumping to assist Christ to get his two wickets for 38. McCool took the other wicket at the cost of 85 runs.

Homeless 49, James 42 and Gibson 50 were the best of the earlier batsmen. James Homeless enjoyed a hundred partnership. Three wickets fell for 10 runs at one stage until Standford and Gibson came together in a 107 run partnership.

Then four wickets went for 18 but Standford, who reached 78 before being caught, and Webb enjoyed a merry last wicket stand, Webb keeping the end up while Standford hit with.

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M.C.C. DRAW

Only half an hour's cricket was possible today on the second and last day of the MCC match against the New South Wales Southern Districts which has ended in a draw.

The local side scored only 11 runs for the loss of four wickets.

Dietl Pollard, Lancashire fast-medium bowler, claimed all four at a personal cost of four runs and took three wickets with few balls.

Yesterday, the MCC scored 165 for eight.

Davis Cup Rained Out

Completion of the Challenge Round of the Davis Cup tie, in which the United States already have a decisive three-zero lead over Australia, is most unlikely because the courts have been drenched by heavy rainstorms.

Earlier it was announced that neither Bromwich nor Kramer is playing in the remaining singles now that the final result has been decided.

Fastball

Fastball enthusiasts will be treated to four evenly matched encounters today when Rovers meet Chungwa at 10.30 a.m., followed by Canadian Chinese against the Giants.

In the afternoon, at 2.00, Hong Kong Ball Club will tangle with the Hotshots, and the last game of the day will be between St. Joseph's and Recreio.

In the opener, Chungwa who failed to field a team in their last two fixtures, will no doubt come out in full force to make up the deficit.

The Canuck's battery of Herbie Quon and Kawa Narazin will be the main worry for the Giants. They had limited hard-hitting teams to two for three hits to bring victory to their side before and they may do it again.

The Giants, on the other hand, have an all round line-up with an infield that is tight, outfield safe and shaggy.

The best fare will be the match between the pro-war League Champions St. Joseph's and the current leaders, Recreio.

The following are today's Fastball fixtures at the Recreio Football ground, King's Park:—

Rovers v. Chung Hwa (at 10.30 a.m.)  
 Canadian Chinese v. Giants (at 2 p.m.)  
 St. Joseph's v. Club de Recreio.

Queensland's First Innings Win  
 Queensland gained a first innings win against South Australia in the Sheffield match which ended today, dismissing their rivals for 296 after their score of 401.

The match was restricted to three days as rain prevented play on the opening day. The feature today was the bowling of Johnson in 26 overs, five of which were maidens, for he had seven wickets for 60 runs.

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Club "A" No Match For Royal Navy

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the Club "A" were no match for the Navy, who have been greatly reinforced by the return of several of their former players and lost by 20-3.

The feature of the game was the quick and clean handling of the Navy's heavy pack, who were well supported by sure handling and steady running of their out-sides.

The Club tackled well, but were unable to force the Navy onto the defensive for more than short periods. The strong moving of Fluker, ably supported by Parry and Studdman brought five of the Navy's tries.

The Club's try was scored by a guest player who snapped up the ball, finding it loose in the Navy "25" and forced his way over between the posts.

Among the Navy forwards, who were always up on the ball were Wood, Barton and Bond, the latter picking a loose ball up and hastening his way over the line near the corner flag. The Club as a whole were not impressive and only Crawford and Bear could be singled out.

On this showing and bearing in mind that the Navy are at long last at full strength, it is hoped to match them against the so far unbeaten Commandos.

Gordon Richards And The Derby

London, Dec. 28. Gordon Richards, Britain's champion jockey for 19 years, hopes next year to win the Derby, an honour which has an air of escape him, and also to visit the United States for the first time—but not necessarily to ride there.

His mount for the Epsom Classic next June will probably be the unbeaten Tudor Minstrel.

"He is a good colt," said Richards, "and if he goes on well during the winter and runs well in the 2,000 Guineas, then he looks like being my Derby mount."

Now that the English flat-racing season is over the hard-working champion jockey is planning a long holiday. After Christmas at his home at Marlborough, Wiltshire, he will take his family to St. Moritz, Switzerland, for a month. Richards

ball ground, King's Park:—  
 Rovers v. Chung Hwa (at 10.30 a.m.)  
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Miller Not To Play  
 Leeds, Dec. 28. Keith Miller, Australian Test all-rounder, has decided not to play for Rawtenstall Lancashire League Club next season after all. It was a £2,000 a year job.

"It is not a question of rejecting the offer," said Mr. G. Whitaker, President of the Club. "We hold a three year contract signed by Miller. It is not cricket if he does not honour it. I cannot say yet what action we shall take because we have not so far received any communication from Miller. All we know is newspaper information from Australia."—Reuter.

London, Dec. 27. In the Rugby League Leeds today beat Batley by 29 points to three.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 27. A Guy's Hospital rugby team is leaving for France on Sunday. The Hospital team will play a match on Dec. 31 and another on Jan. 4.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Dec. 28. Jijitsu, the Japanese art of self-defence, has so fallen out of favour in Japan that for want of patronage Kodomo Hall, the Tokyo training quarters, known as the "Mecca of Jijitsu" has been rented to the Japanese Publishing Association.—Associated Press.

London, Dec. 28. Commenting on the situation in Indo China, the "Manchester Guardian" yesterday wrote: "There are violent Right partisans in Paris who argue that France ought never to have negotiated with Viet Nam. In their eyes the only danger now is that the French authorities will be weak and thus invite discontent and racial hatred. It is still more active in those parts of the Empire where today they threaten French prestige and French power."

"But wiser heads realise that as a writer in 'Combat' well puts it, to maintain France's position in Indo China or anywhere else by violence alone is not the way to maintain France. 'Colonial wars have been waged in the past by France as by Britain without serious injury to the Empire as a whole. Today a colonial war in any part of either Empire would shake the entire structure.'—Associated Press.

PROPOSED TERMS FOR FOOTBALLERS

London, Dec. 28. The footballers' struggle for improved wages and generally better terms, which has been waged for a long time by the Players' Union, advanced a further step today when the Football League Management Committee disclosed the recommendations which will be put before a special League meeting in February.

If approved by that meeting, footballers' pay will be immediately increased by £1 a week for those with a basic wage of £5 or over and by ten shillings a week for those under £5.

It will also be proposed that maximum wage be raised from £10 to £11 in winter and from £7-10-0 to £9 during the close season.

There is also the recommendation that the minimum wage clause be incorporated into the League regulations, making a full time professional entitled to £6 in winter and £4 in summer.

Increases if approved will be retrospective from January 1, although the meeting is not until the end of February.—Reuter.

Road Ambushes In Indo-China  
 (Continued from Page 1)

Hadong, Dec. 28. Three French planes yesterday afternoon dropped heavy bombs on Hadong and one of them hit a Viet Nam building in which 40 French POWs were detained on their way to security zones, the Viet Nam Agency reported today.

Twelve of the French prisoners were killed on the spot, two mortally wounded. The rest were lightly injured and have been transferred to Viet Nam hospitals.—United Press.

No Japs?  
 Bangkok, Dec. 28. A dispatch from the Viet Nam News Agency in Hanoi today said the Viet Nam headquarters formally deny the French News Agency report saying bodies of Japanese have been found among Viet Nam casualties in Hanoi battles as completely unfounded and slanderous.

The Viet Nam announcement said further that over 100 French soldiers were killed during the first five days of fighting in Northern Hanoi.

President Ho Chi-minh's residence as well as the central barracks of the Viet Nam National Guards in Hanoi are still guarded by Viet Nam troops despite attacks by the French.

The announcement said Viet Nam workers in Grain Street, near Langbien Bridge, offered stubborn resistance to the French. After exhausting their supply of handgrenades the workers threw stones at the French who took flight. The workers captured one cannon.

French prisoners of war, according to the announcement, wrote President Ho telling him they do not want to fight for the colonial magnates. They complained that they were made to fight against the Viet Nam whereas they were told by French representatives to go to Indo-China to exterminate Japanese fascism.

At Hue, 100 French soldiers were killed in attacks on December 24.—United Press.

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Home Football Results

London, Dec. 28. The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Arsenal, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Brentford, Charlton, Derby, Grimsby, Leeds, Liverpool, M'borough.

Second Division

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Birmingham, Bradford, Coventry, Fulham, Manchester, Newcastle, Notts For., Sheffield Wed., Southampton, West Bromwich, West Ham U.

Third Division South

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Bournemouth, Bristol C., Cardiff, Exeter, Ipswich, Port Vale, Reading, Swinow, Torquay, Walsall, Watford.

Third Division North

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Accrington, Bury, Carlisle, Chester, Crewe, Halifax, Lincoln, New Brighton, Rochdale, Rotherham, Southport.

Scottish "A" Division

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Celtic, Falkirk, Hibernian, Kilmarnock, Motherwell, Partick, St. Mirren, Third Lanark.

Scottish "B" Division

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows include Airdrie, Alloa, Arbroath, Cowdenbeath, Dumfries, Dundee U., East Fife, St. Johnstone.

RADIO

SUNDAY, DEC. 29, 1946

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., and 9 to 11 p.m. also on 9.52 megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
 12.52 p.m.—Variety.  
 1.00 p.m.—News, Weather, Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Interlude.  
 1.15 p.m.—Piano Playtime.  
 1.40 p.m.—Half An Hour with Girls.  
 2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—The Organ, Dances Band and Melodians.  
 3.00 p.m.—Studio's Local News "Round-Up" by "The Jabbercock".  
 3.55 p.m.—Interlude.

4.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
 4.15 p.m.—London Relay: "ITMA".  
 4.45 p.m.—Theodore Chailapsky and Don Coscarelli Choir in a Roman Programme.

5.30 p.m.—Transcription Service: "The Count of Monte Cristo"—"Solids" and "The Escape".  
 6.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
 6.10 p.m.—Interlude.

6.15 p.m.—Z.B.W. "Proms" No. 49.  
 6.45 p.m.—Concerto Grosso in G Minor, List. Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Flat, Major, Beethoven.  
 7.10 p.m.—Guards No. 3 in D Major, Mozart. Symphony No. 2, Minor.

10.45 p.m.—Studio's Sunday Evening Programme, by the Rev. Rodley P. Dunlop.  
 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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MANKAD WITHDRAWS

London, Dec. 27. V. Mankad, brilliant Indian cricket all-rounder, has withdrawn from his agreement to play for Castlemore, Central Lancashire League club, next season.